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DAREDEVIL

AND THE

BLACK WIDOW



WHAT'S THIS??
MATT MURDOCK..
GOING INTO ACTION
WITHOUT HIS COSTUME?

HE HAS NO CHOICE--
IN THE STORY WE CALL

**BLIND
MAN'S
BLUFF!**



GUEST-STARRING: THE ONE AND ONLY
**CAPTAIN
MARVEL!**

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!**™

**BLIND
MAN'S**

IT IS
TIME,
MASTER.
I AM
ENTERING...
**MELDING
PHASE!**

BLUFF!

DO YOU CRAVE
ACTION...**SUSPENSE...**
MYSTERY...OR EVEN
RUN O' THE MILL **COSMIC
WONDER?** THEN HANG
TIGHT, MARVELITE, AND
READ ON! THIS ONE'S
GOT 'EM ALL!



STEVE GERBER WROTE IT! **BOB BROWN** DREW IT! **SAL BUSCEMA** INKED IT! **C. JETTER** LETTERED IT! **P. GOLDBERG** COLORED IT! **ROY THOMAS** EDITED IT! **NOW IT'S YOUR TURN-- READ IT!!**

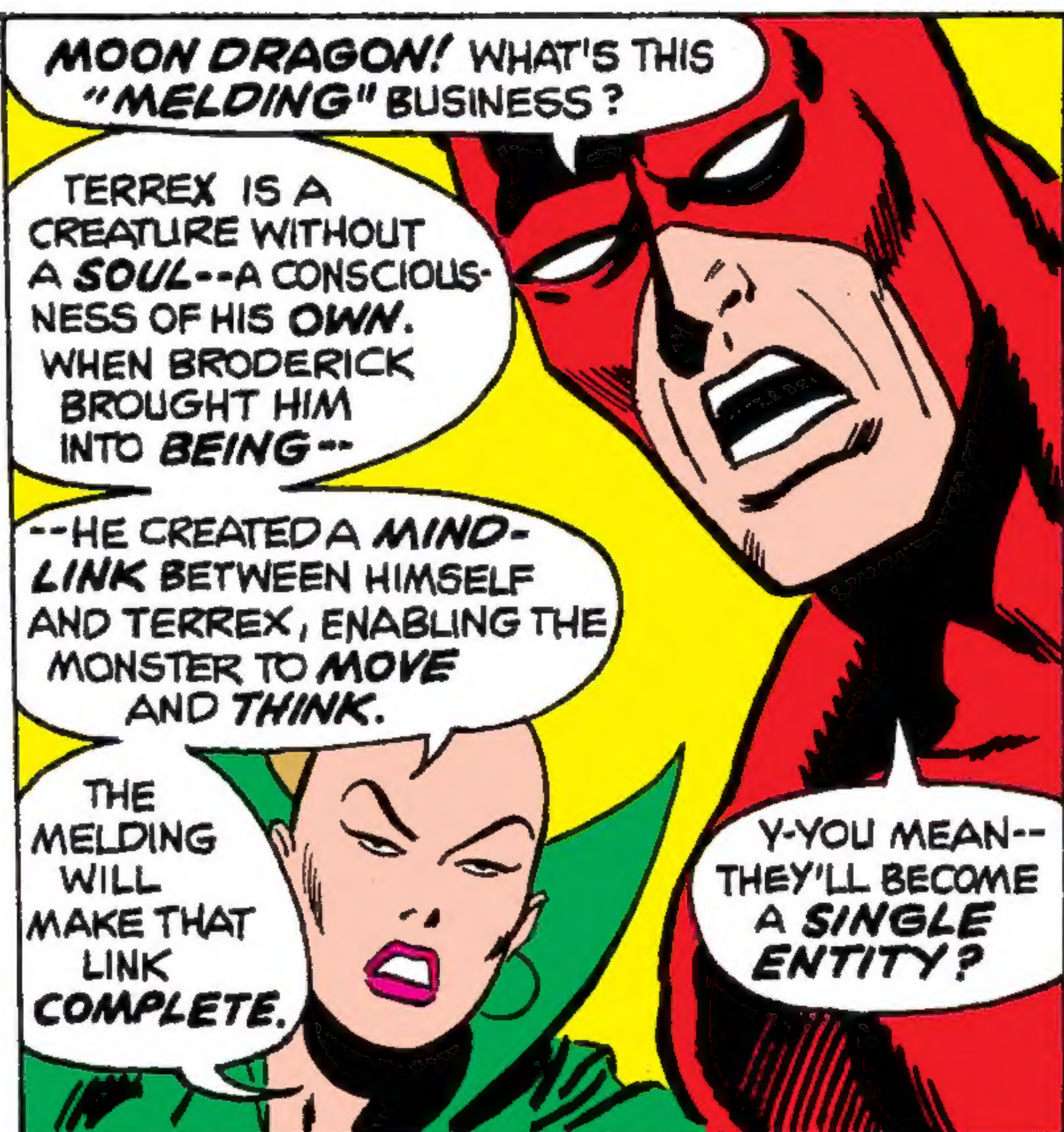
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LISTEN TO THEIR MINDLESS PRATTLE, TERREX! AT LAST, THEY SEE HOW INCONSEQUENTIAL THEY ARE!

THEY FEAR US--WHICH IS AS IT SHOULD BE!

I AM IN MELDING PHASE NOW, MASTER!



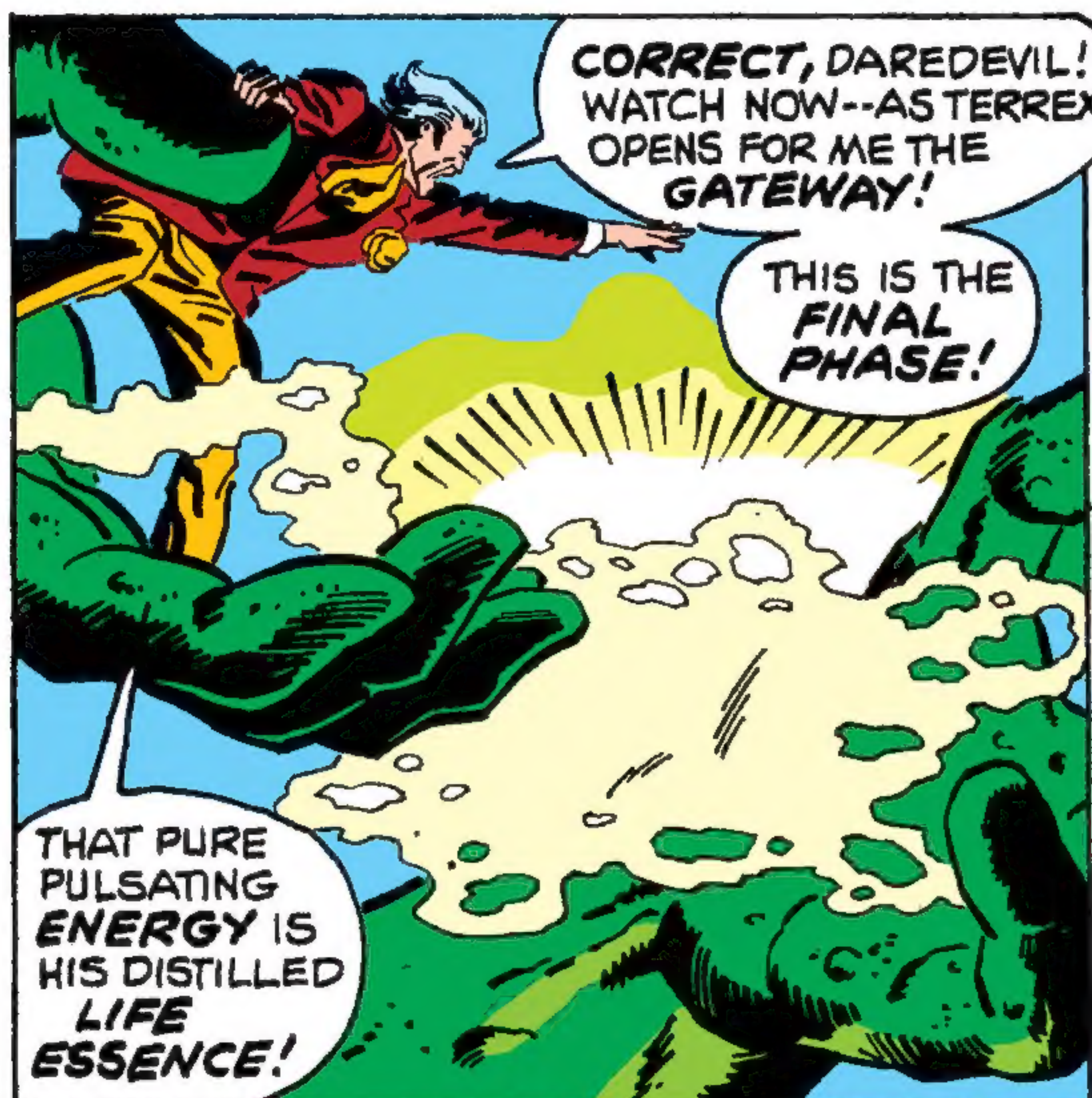
MOON DRAGON! WHAT'S THIS "MELDING" BUSINESS?

TERREX IS A CREATURE WITHOUT A SOUL--A CONSCIOUSNESS OF HIS OWN. WHEN BRODERICK BROUGHT HIM INTO BEING--

--HE CREATED A MIND-LINK BETWEEN HIMSELF AND TERREX, ENABLING THE MONSTER TO MOVE AND THINK.

THE MELDING WILL MAKE THAT LINK COMPLETE.

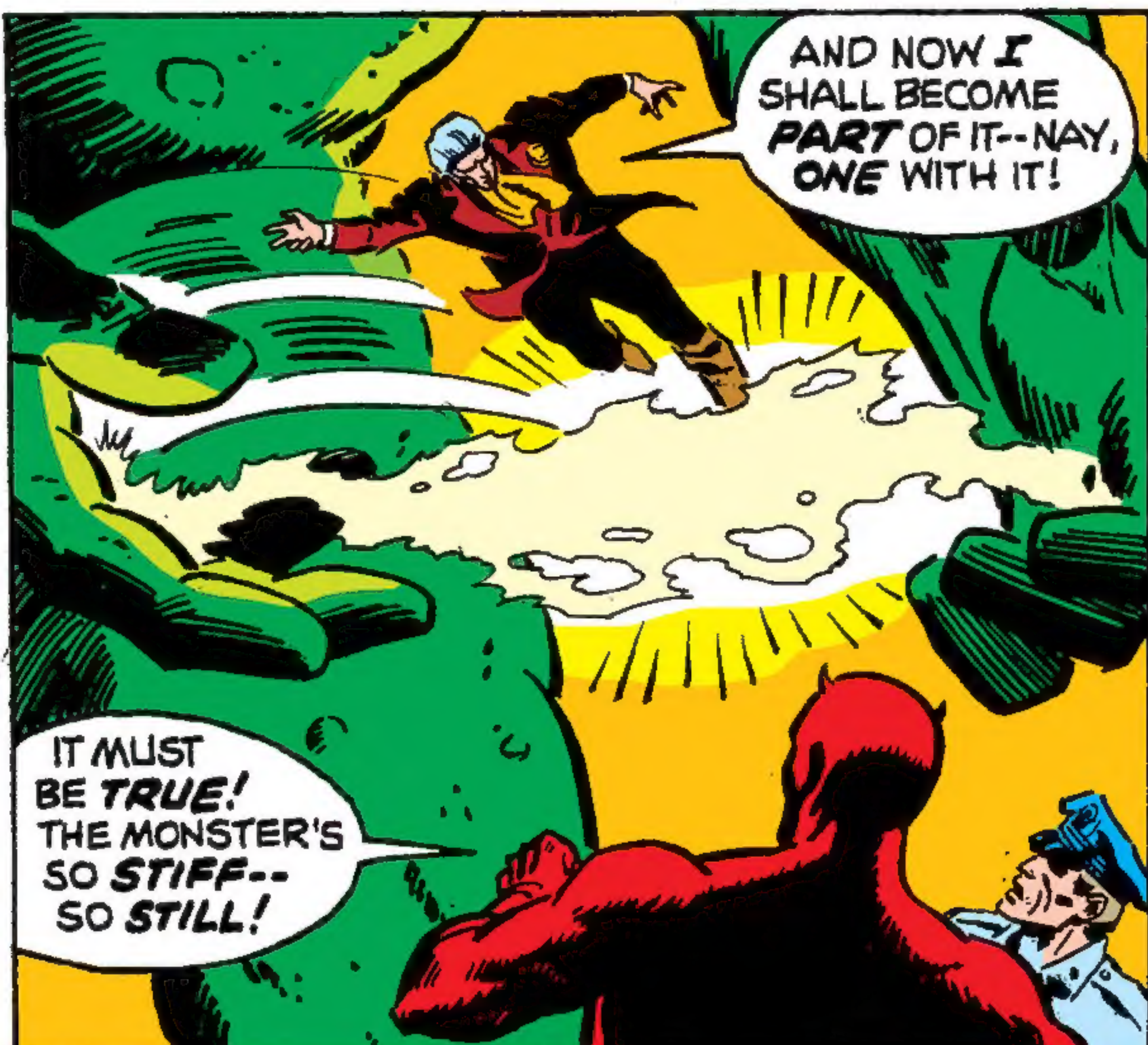
Y-YOU MEAN--THEY'LL BECOME A SINGLE ENTITY?



CORRECT, DAREDEVIL! WATCH NOW--AS TERREX OPENS FOR ME THE GATEWAY!

THIS IS THE FINAL PHASE!

THAT PURE PULSATING ENERGY IS HIS DISTILLED LIFE ESSENCE!



AND NOW I SHALL BECOME PART OF IT--NAY, ONE WITH IT!

IT MUST BE TRUE! THE MONSTER'S SO STIFF--SO STILL!



BUT TERREX DOES NOT REMAIN SO FOR LONG--!

WATCH, YOU FOOLS! TRY TO BELIEVE YOUR SENSES!



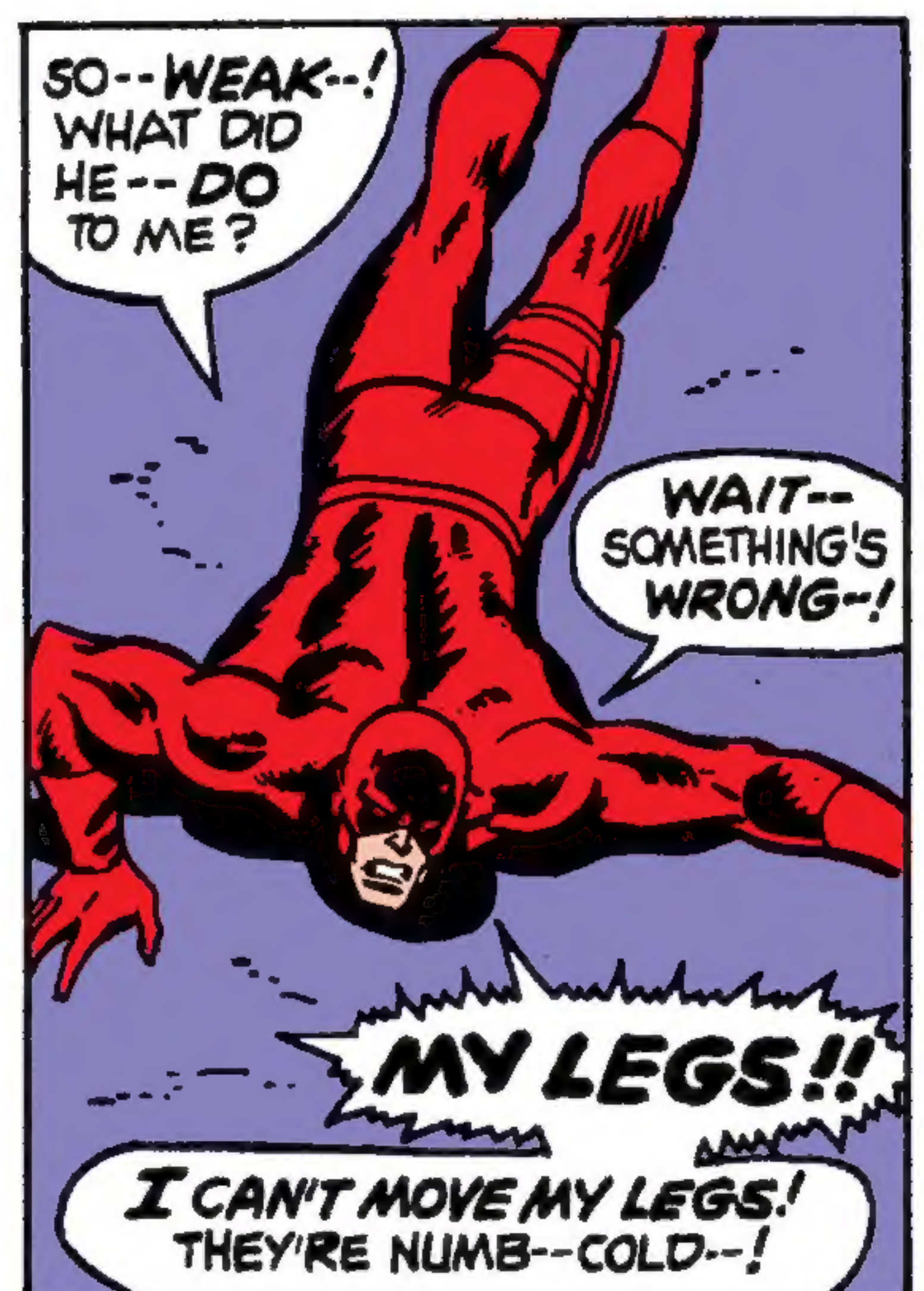
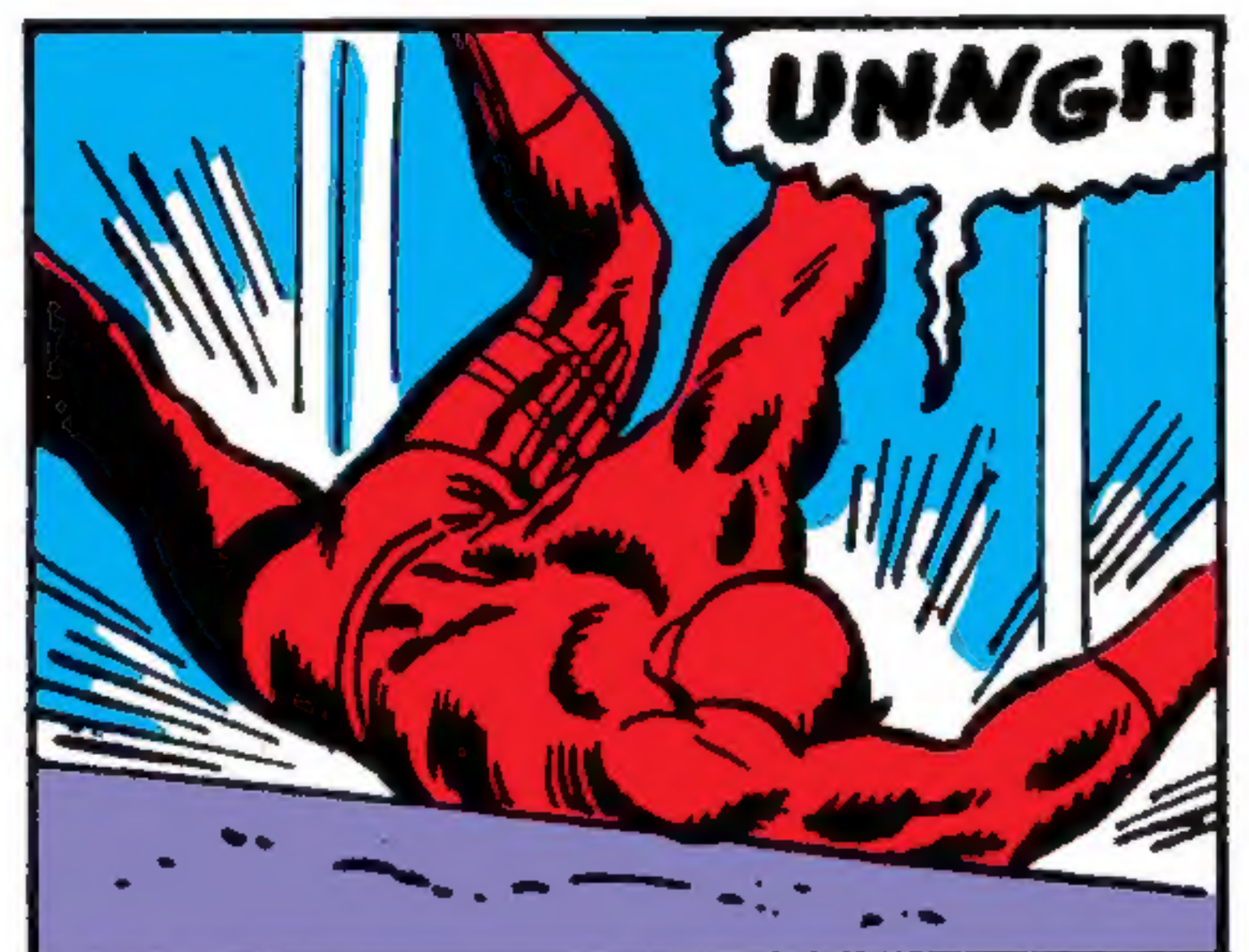
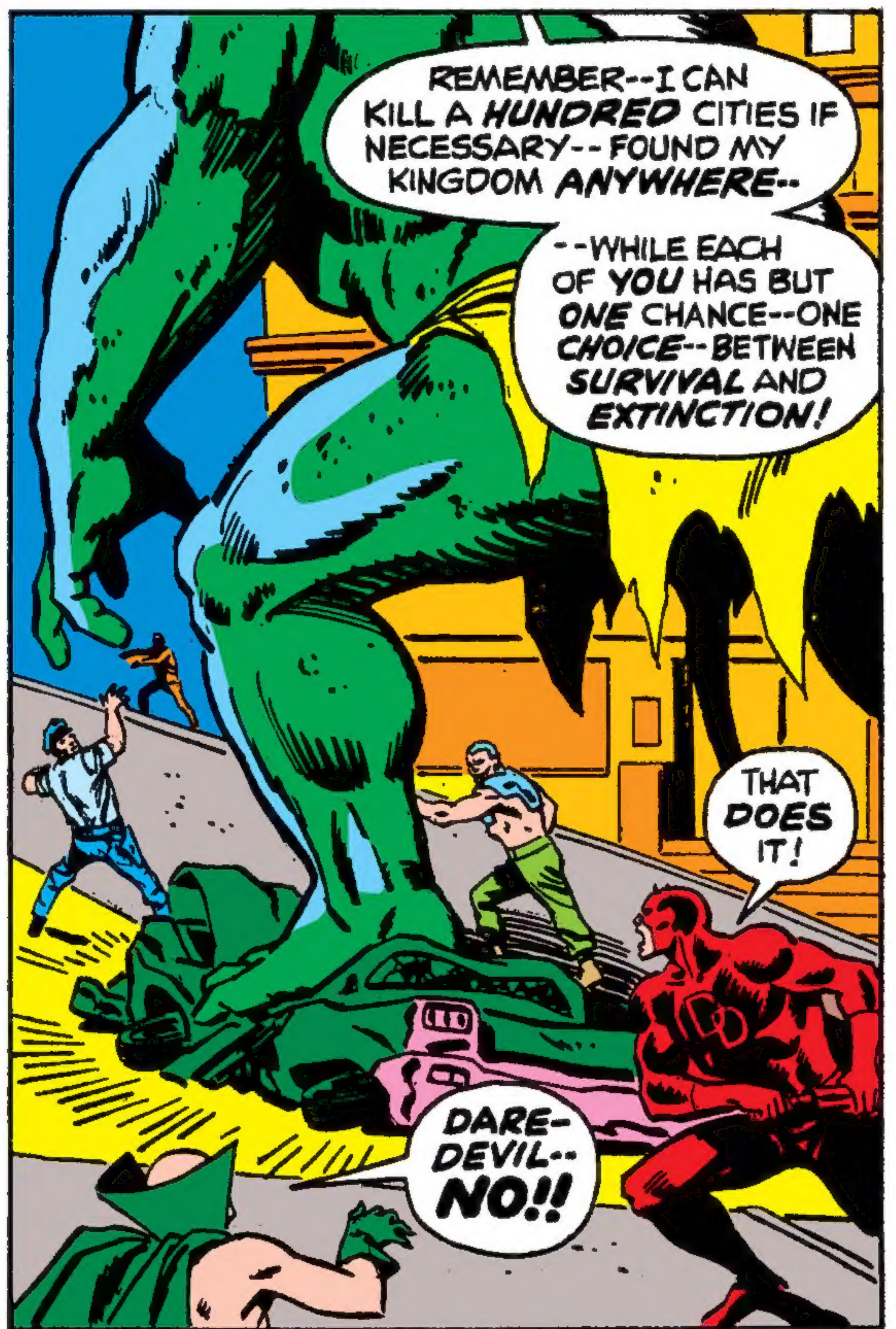
SUDDENLY, THERE IS AWARENESS IN ITS EYES--!

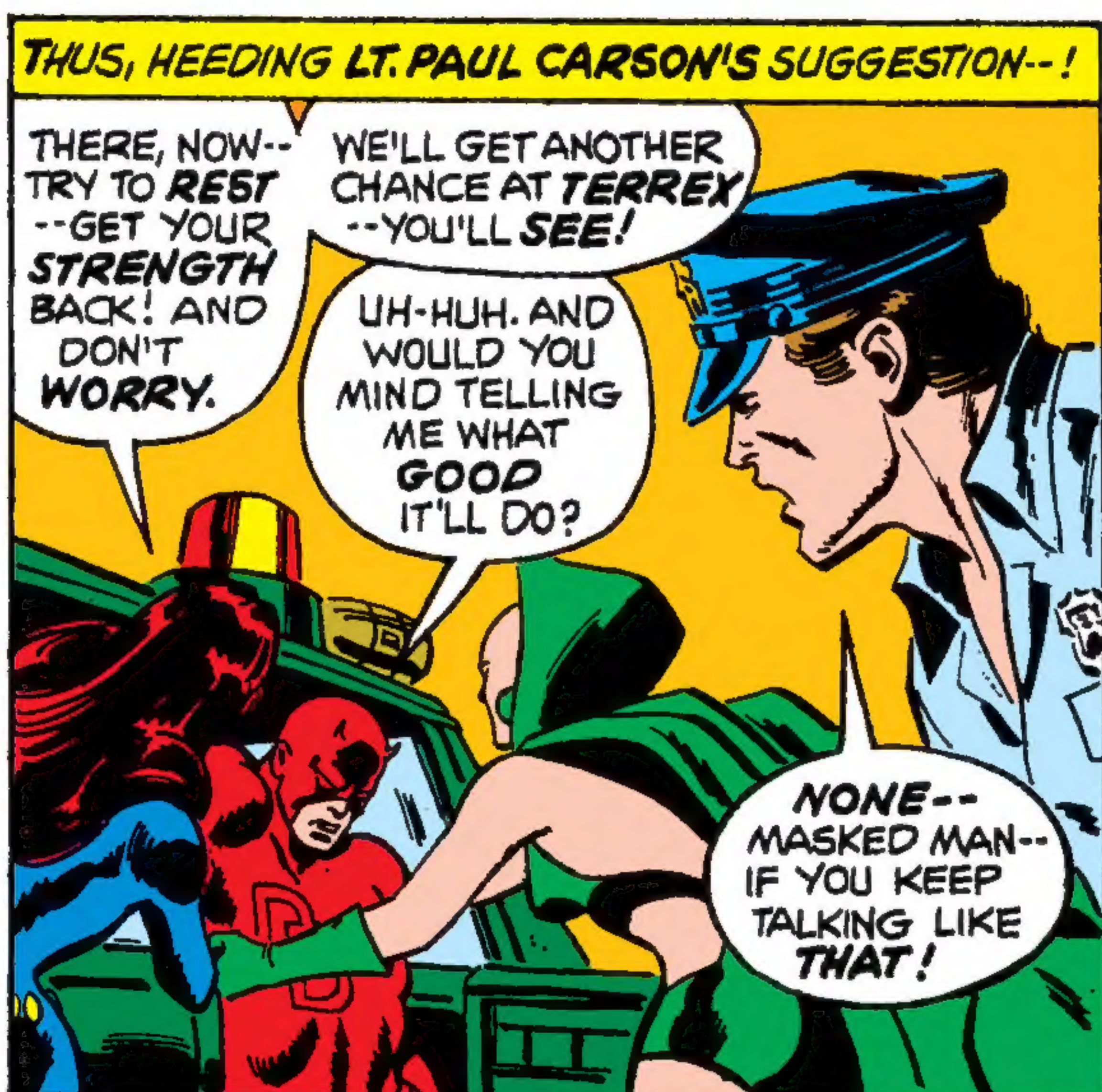
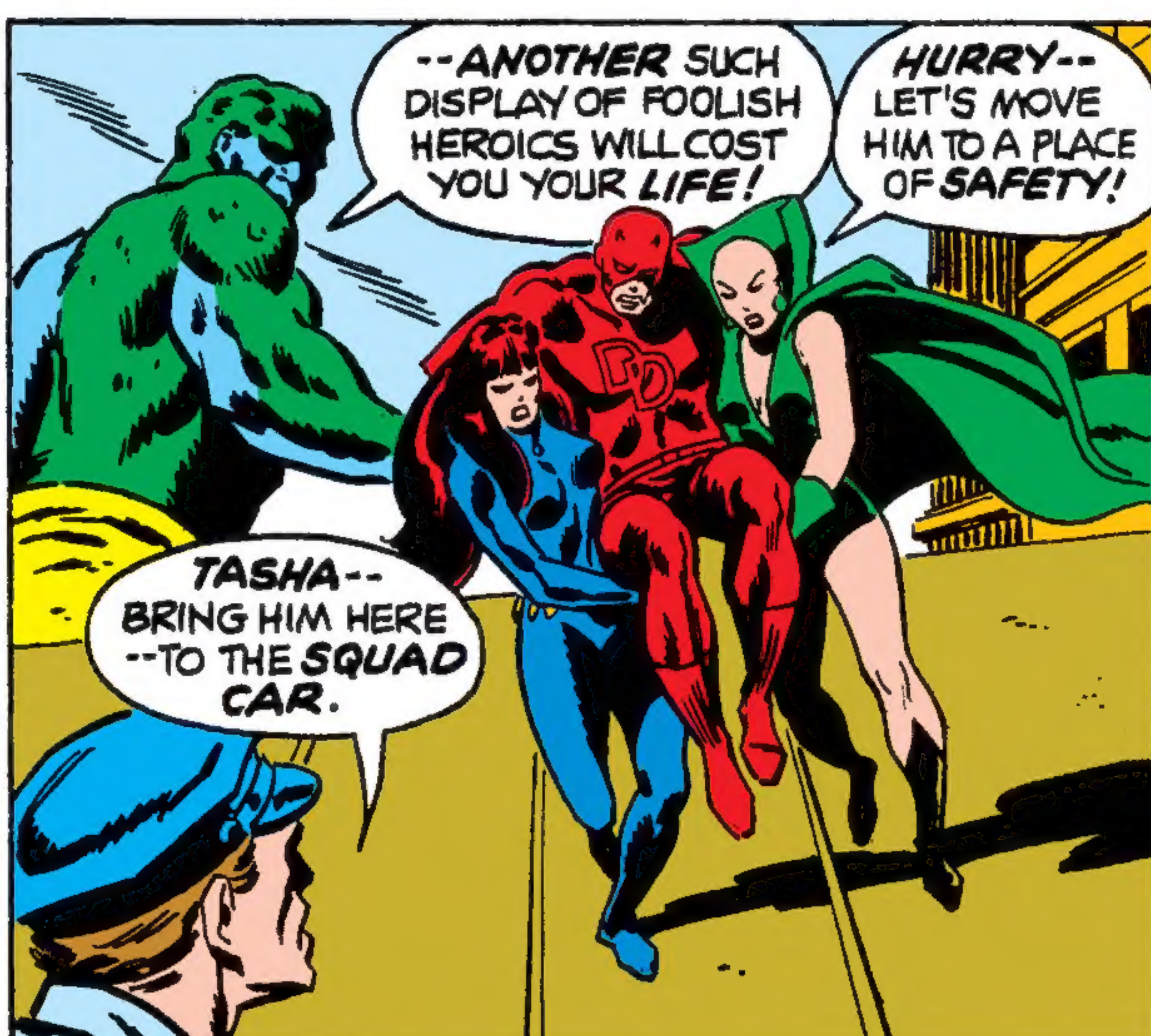
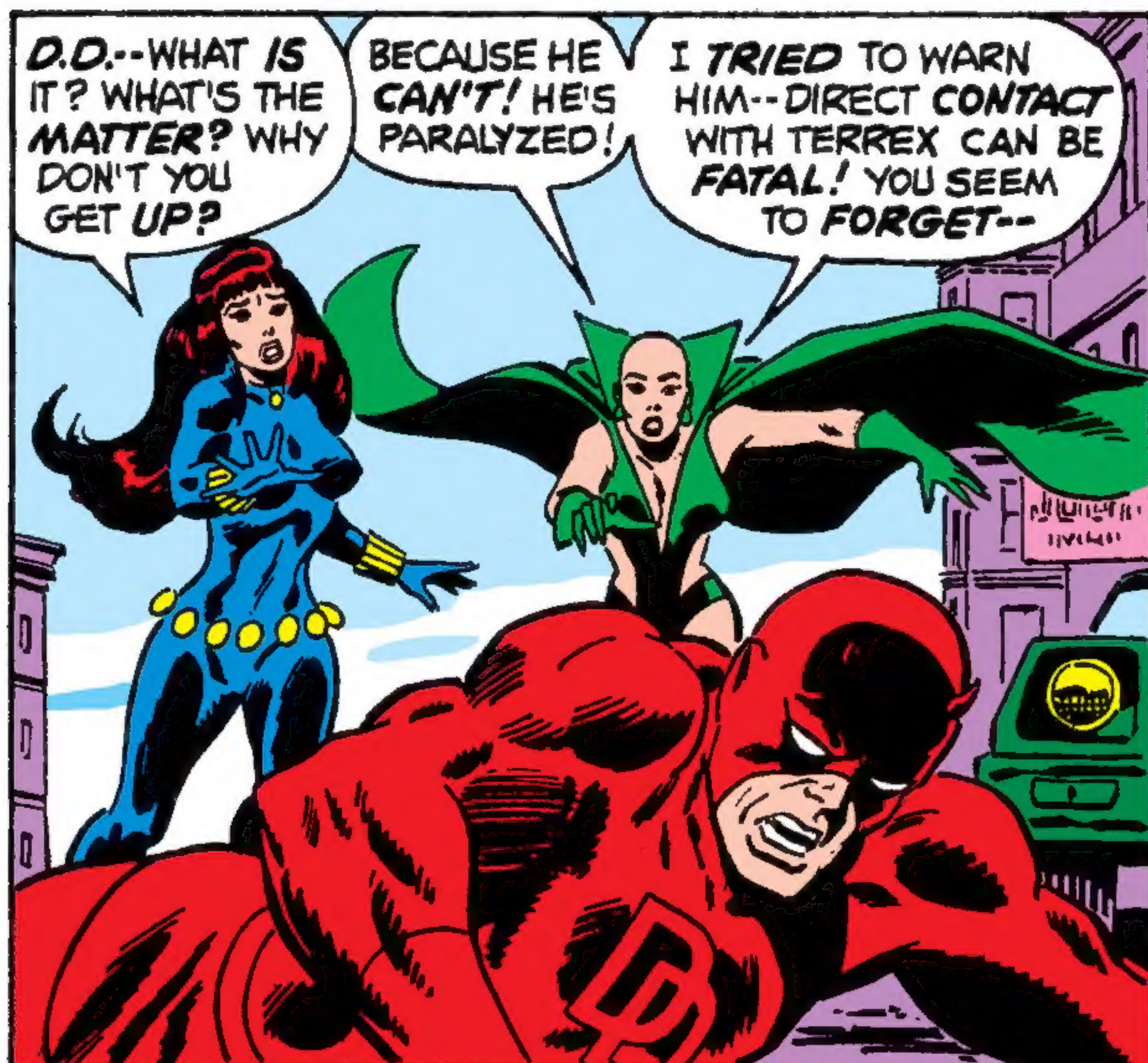
LOOK! SEE ITS FEATURES MOULD AND CHANGE!

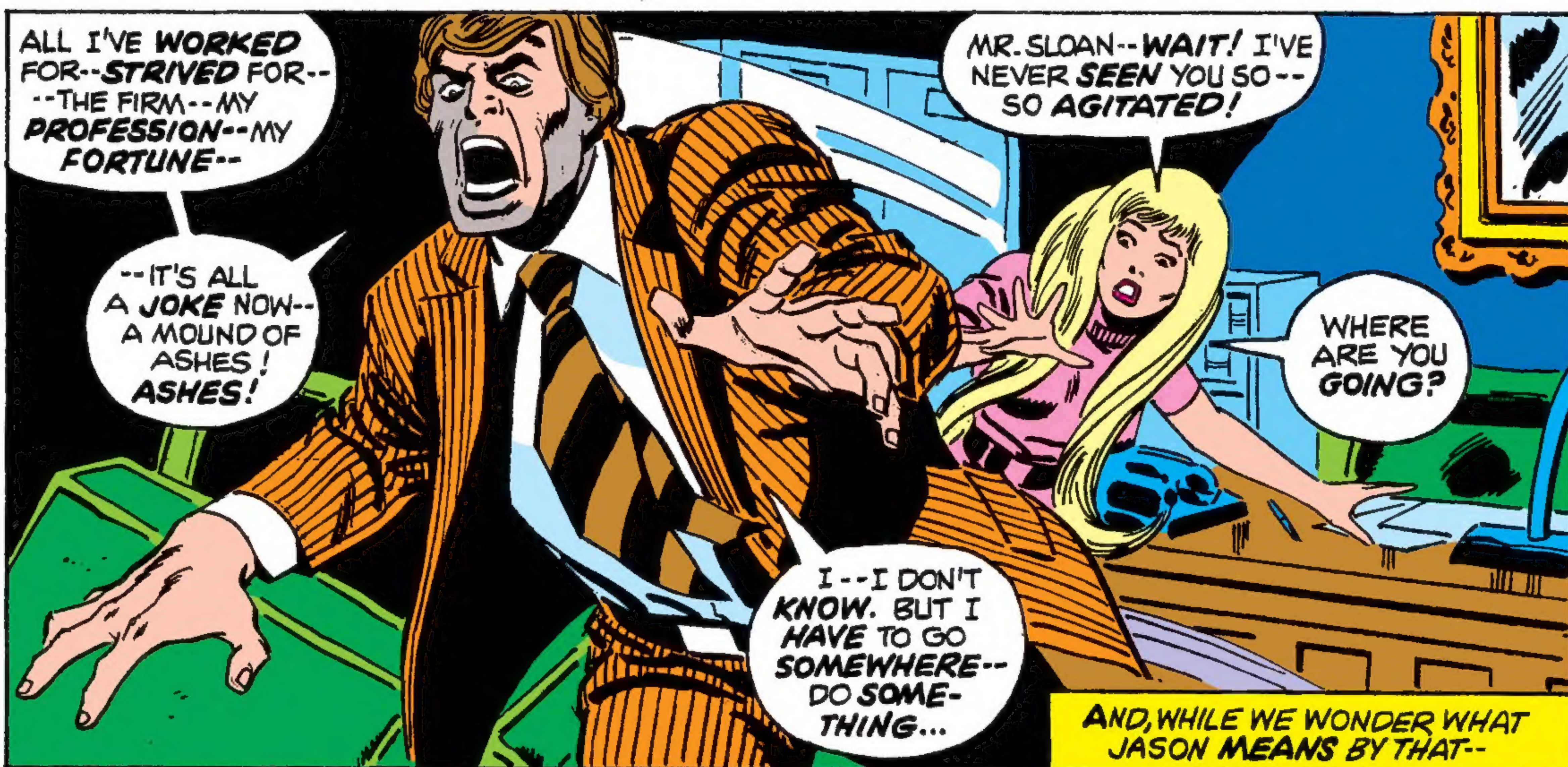
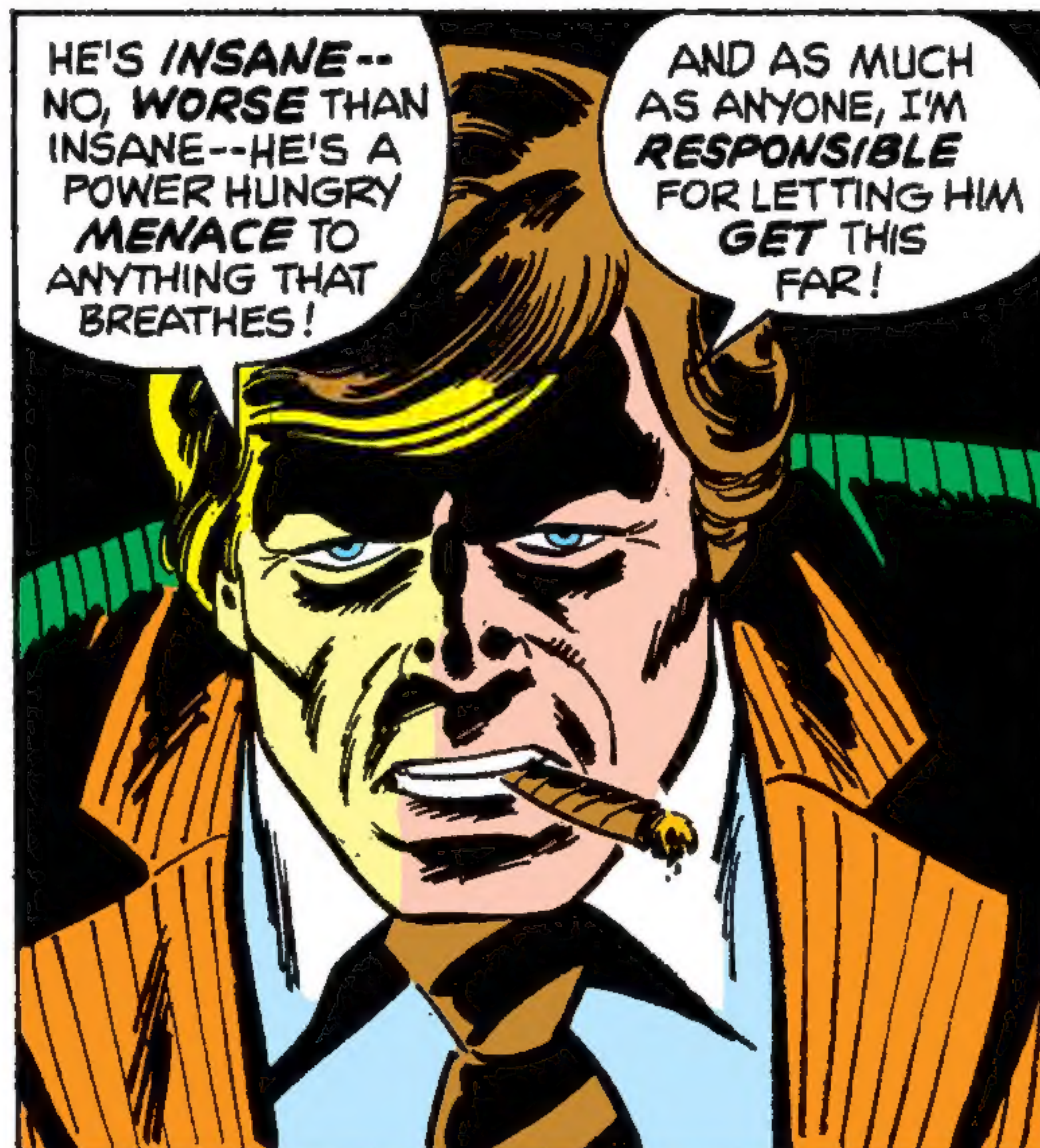
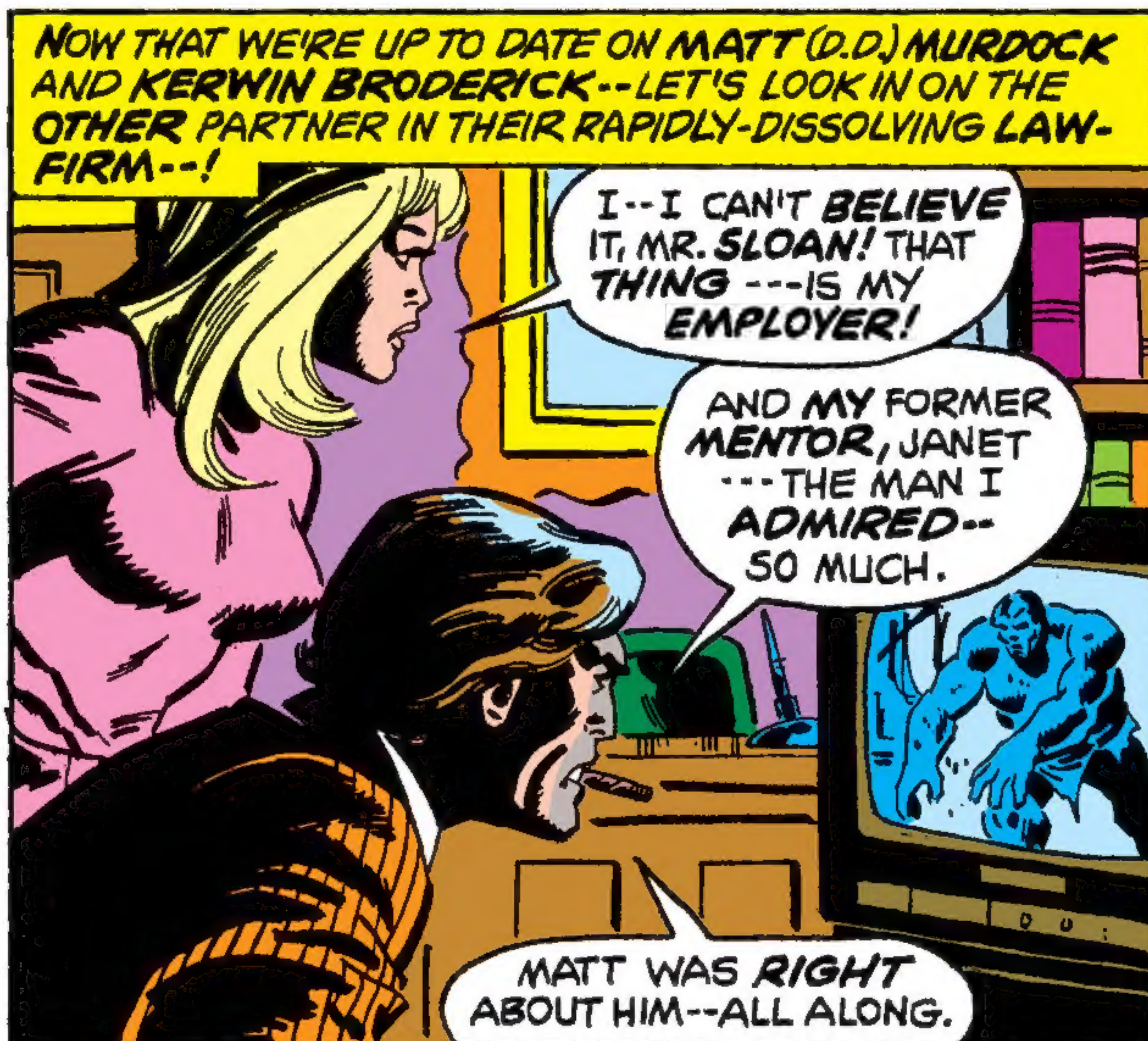


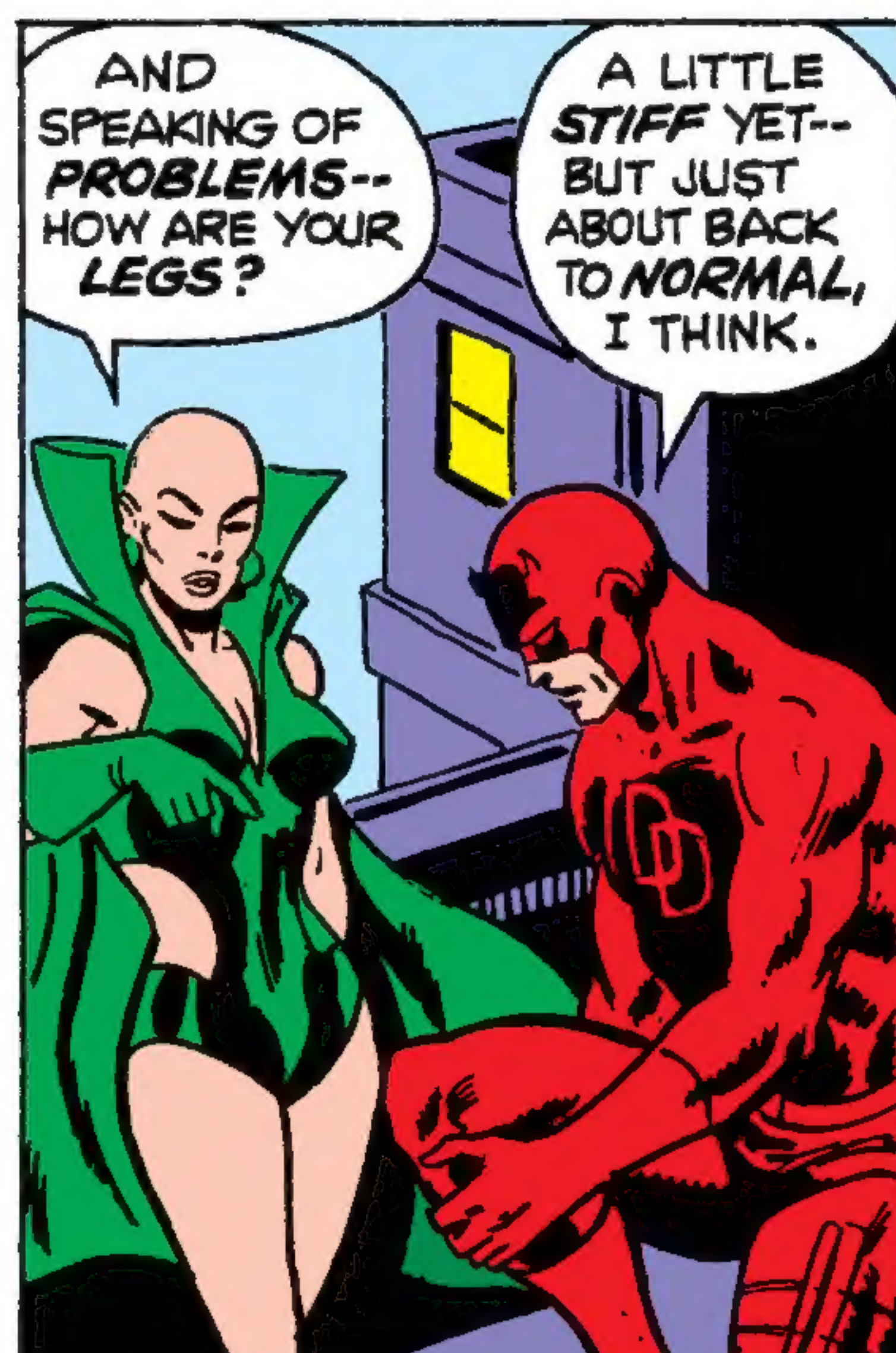
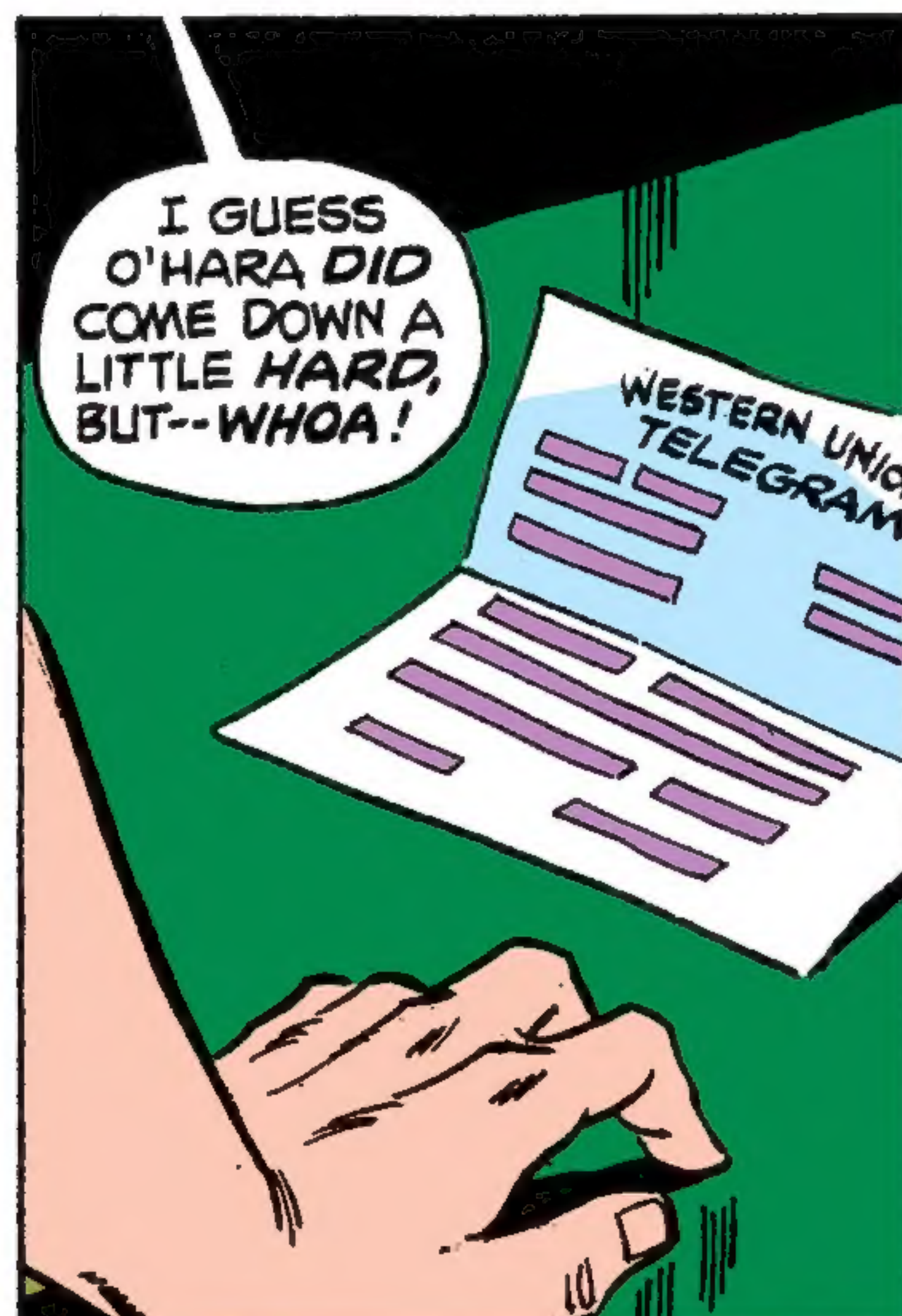
AND THEN, THE UNTHINKABLE OCCURS--!

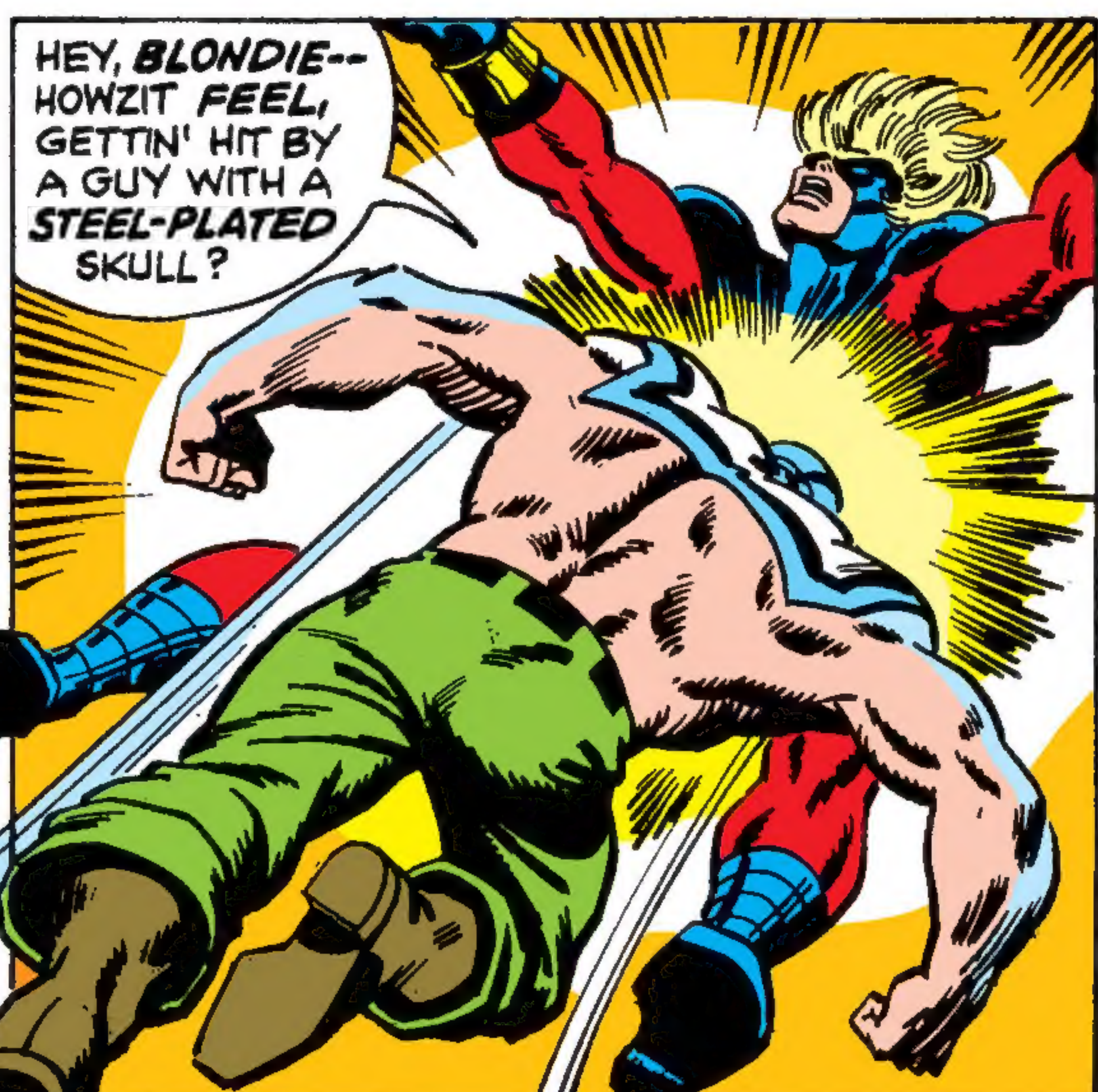
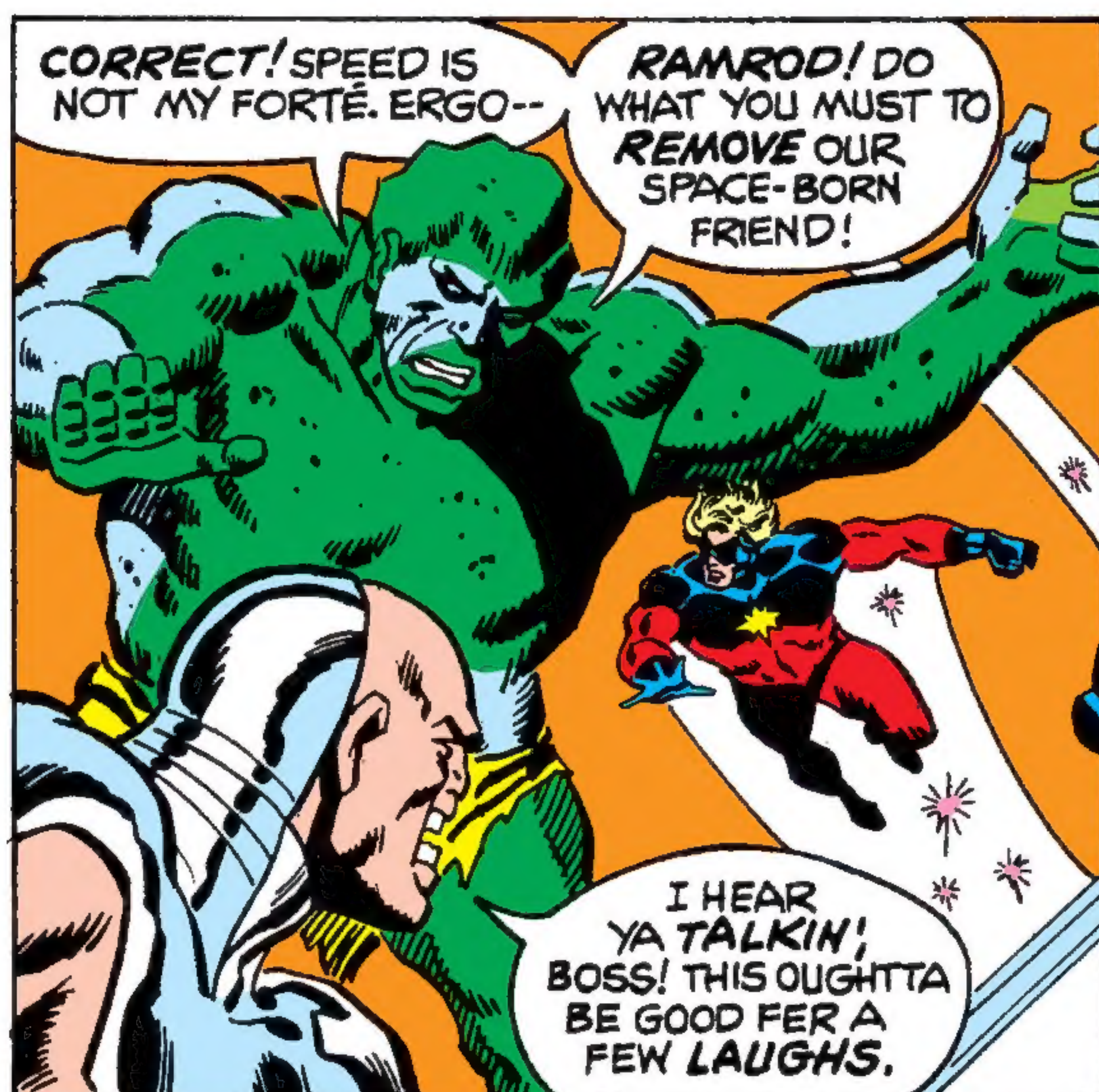
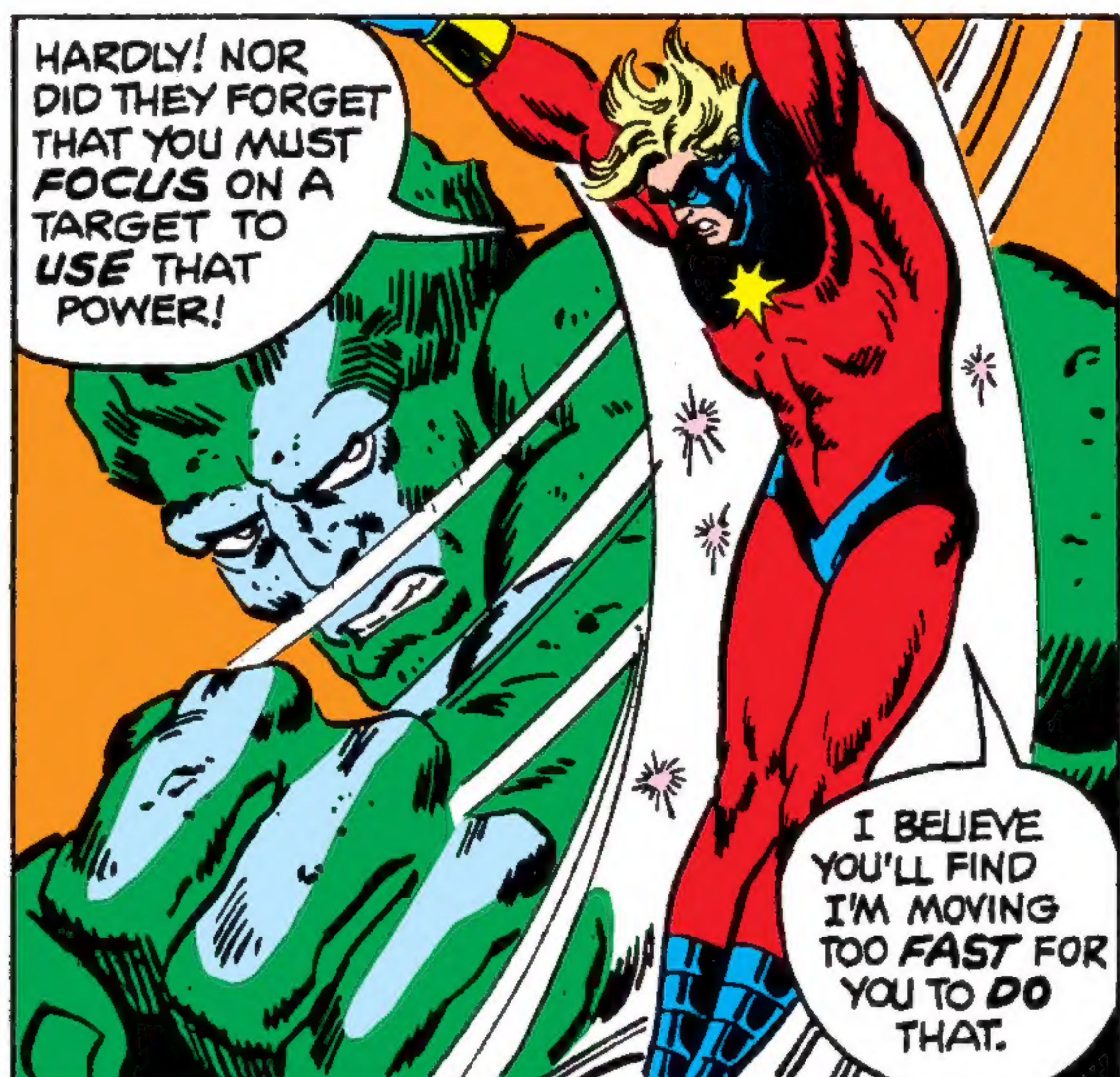
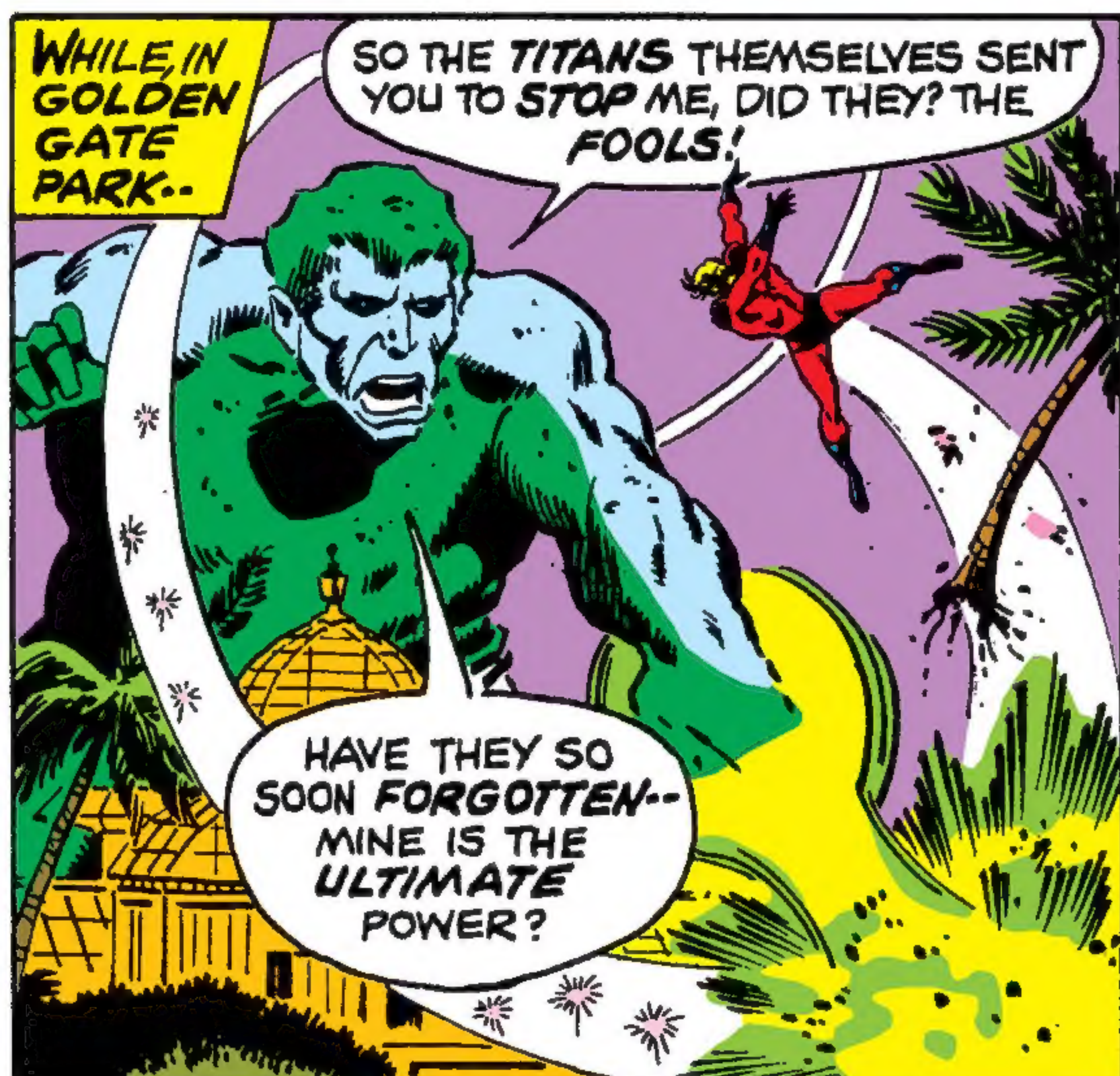
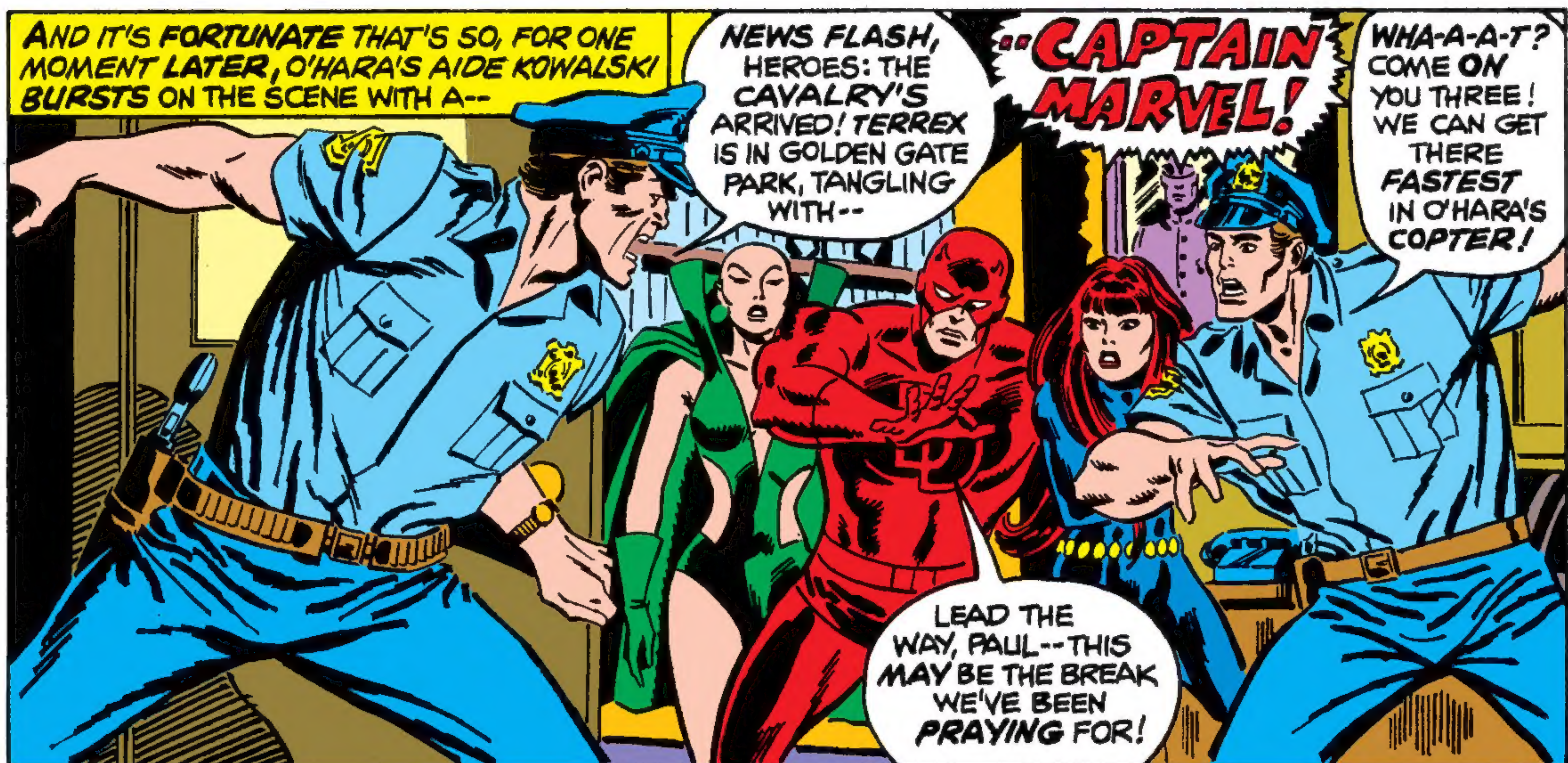
HE IS BECOMING ME--AND I AM BECOMING HE!

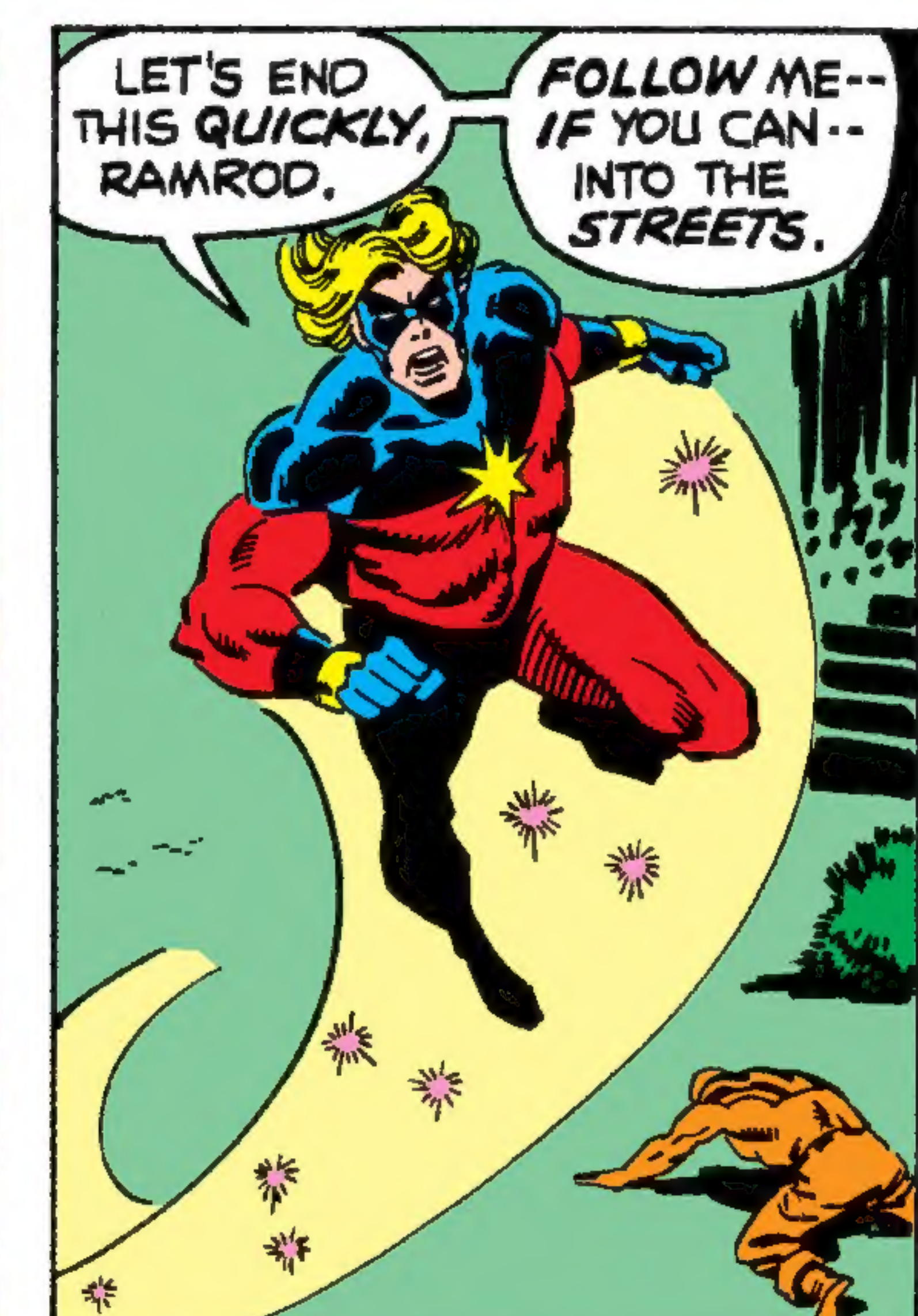
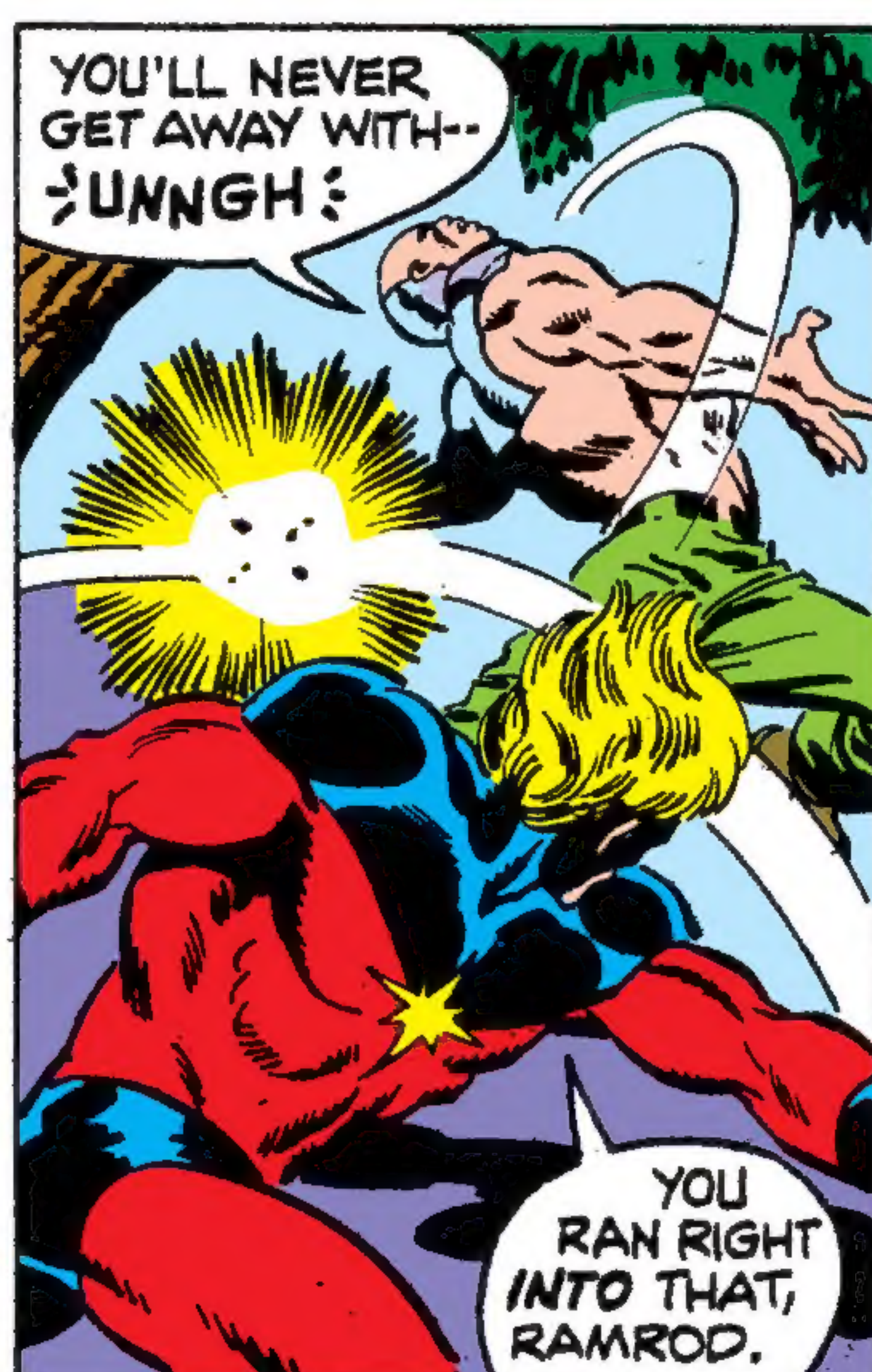
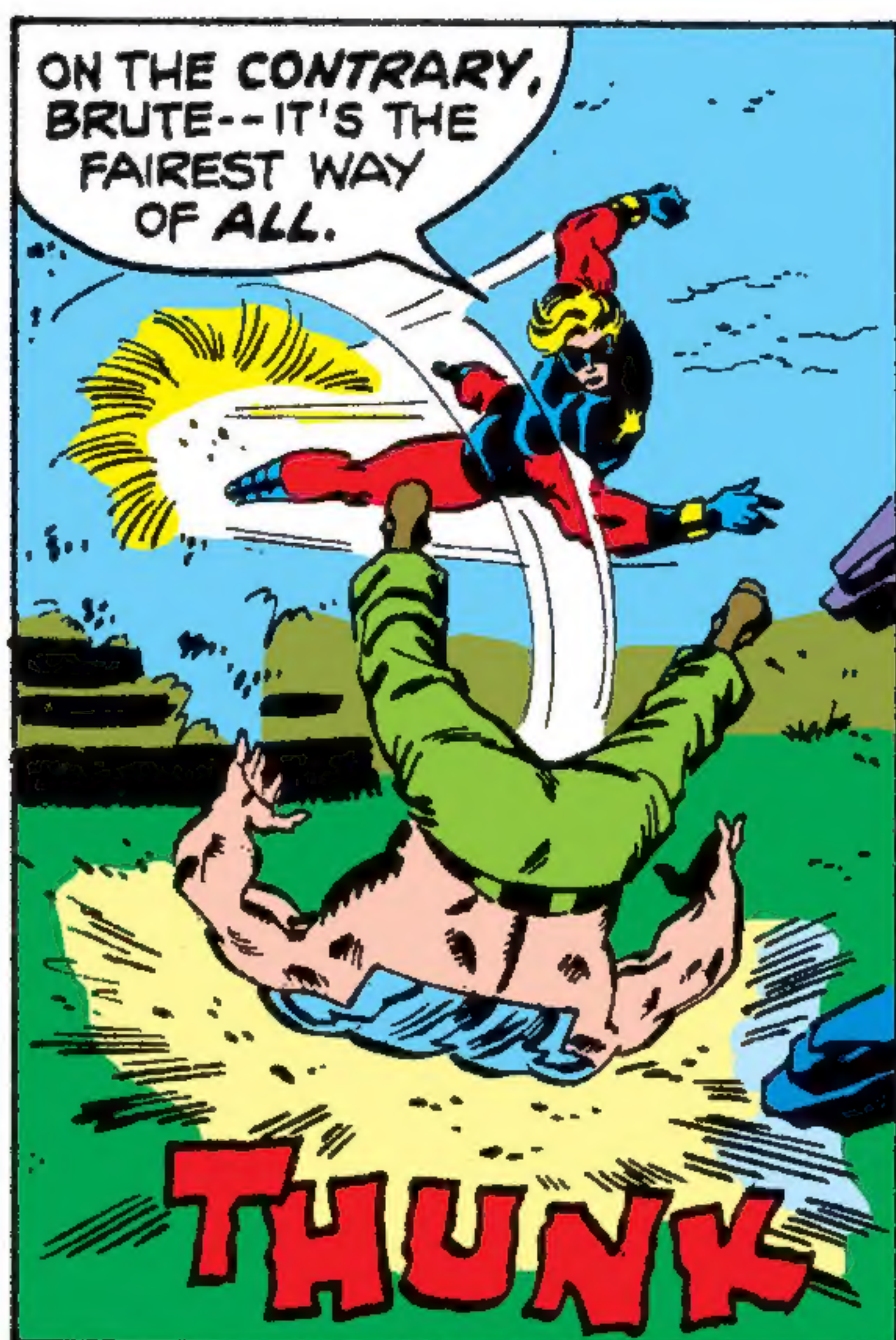
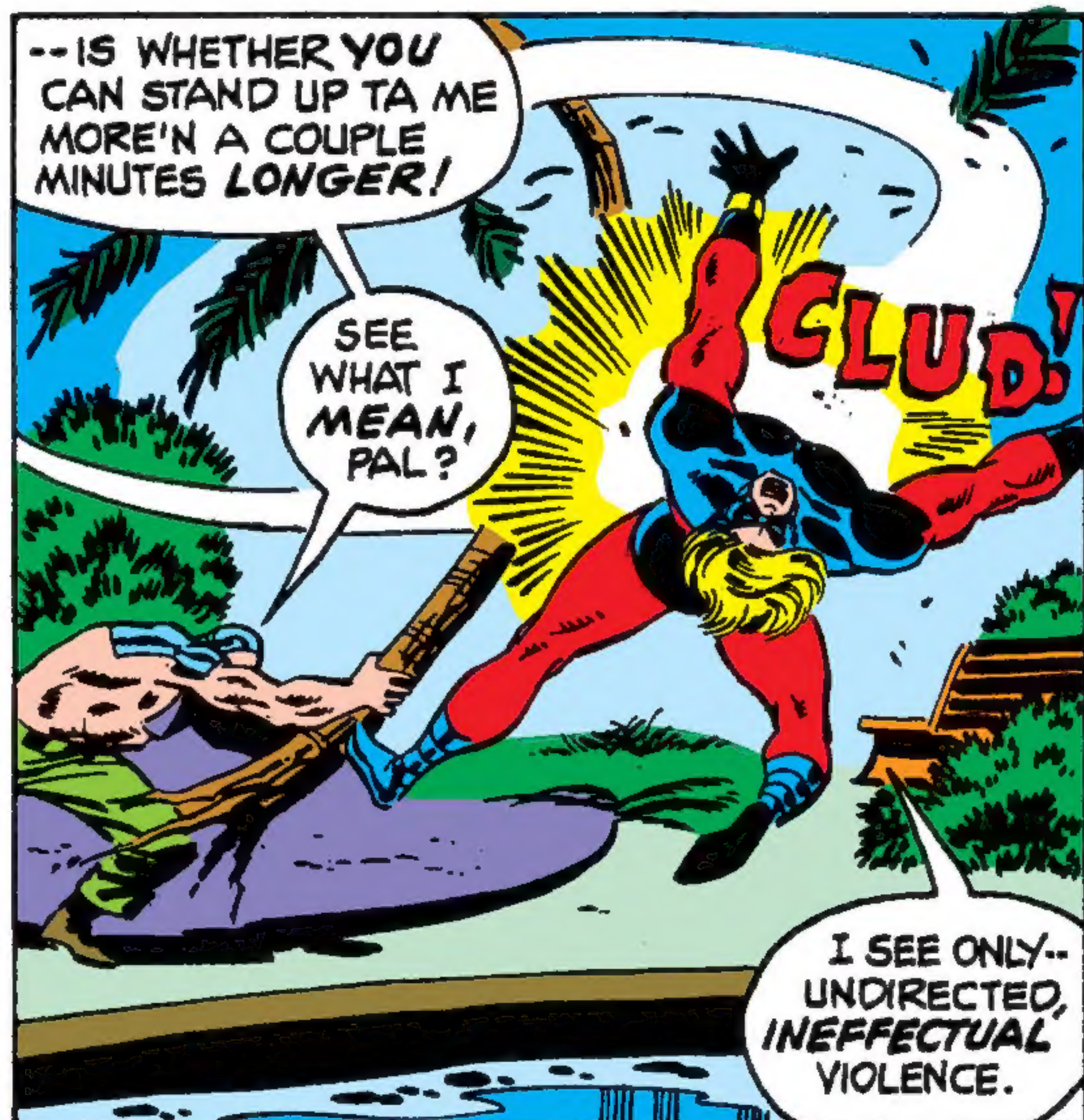
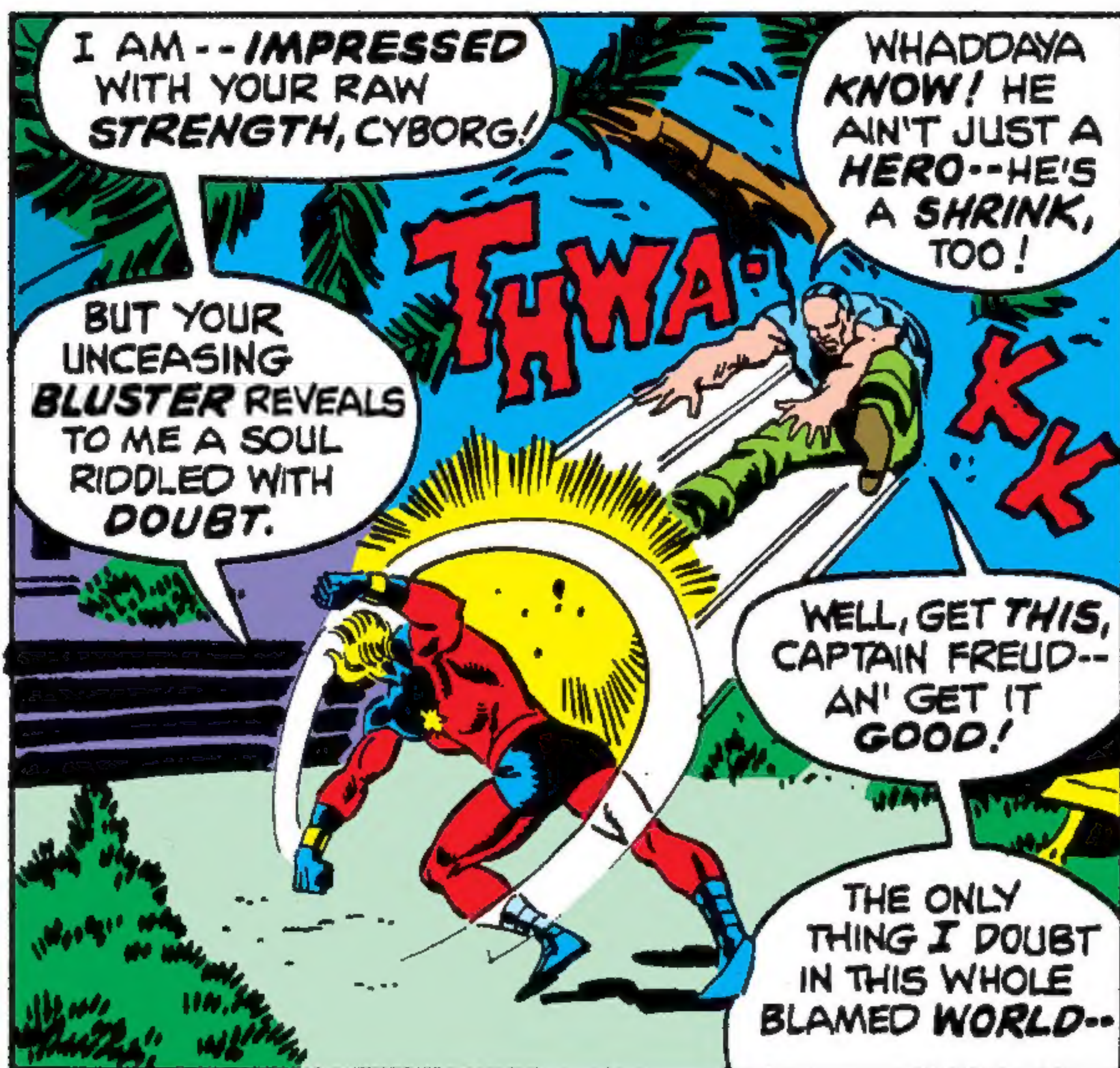














IF I CAN?? YER
TALKIN' TO A GUY
WHOSE BONES ARE
SOLID STEEL! YER
TALKIN' TO--

...THE
RAMROD!



I'M TALKING TO
A POMPOUS, OVER-
BEARING BRAGGART
--AN INFANT PLAYING
AT MANHOOD.

E.J. PEABODY
PRINTING-
STATIONERY

THAT
DOES
IT!



YOU'RE A
THING TO
BE PITIED!

AN' YER DEAD
--UNLESS YOU
MOVE FAST,
CRUMB! AN' IF
YOU DON'T--

--I'LL LIKE
IT EVEN
BETTER!

'CAUSE
IT'LL GIMME
THE PLEASURE
O' MAKIN'
PULP OUTTA
YA!

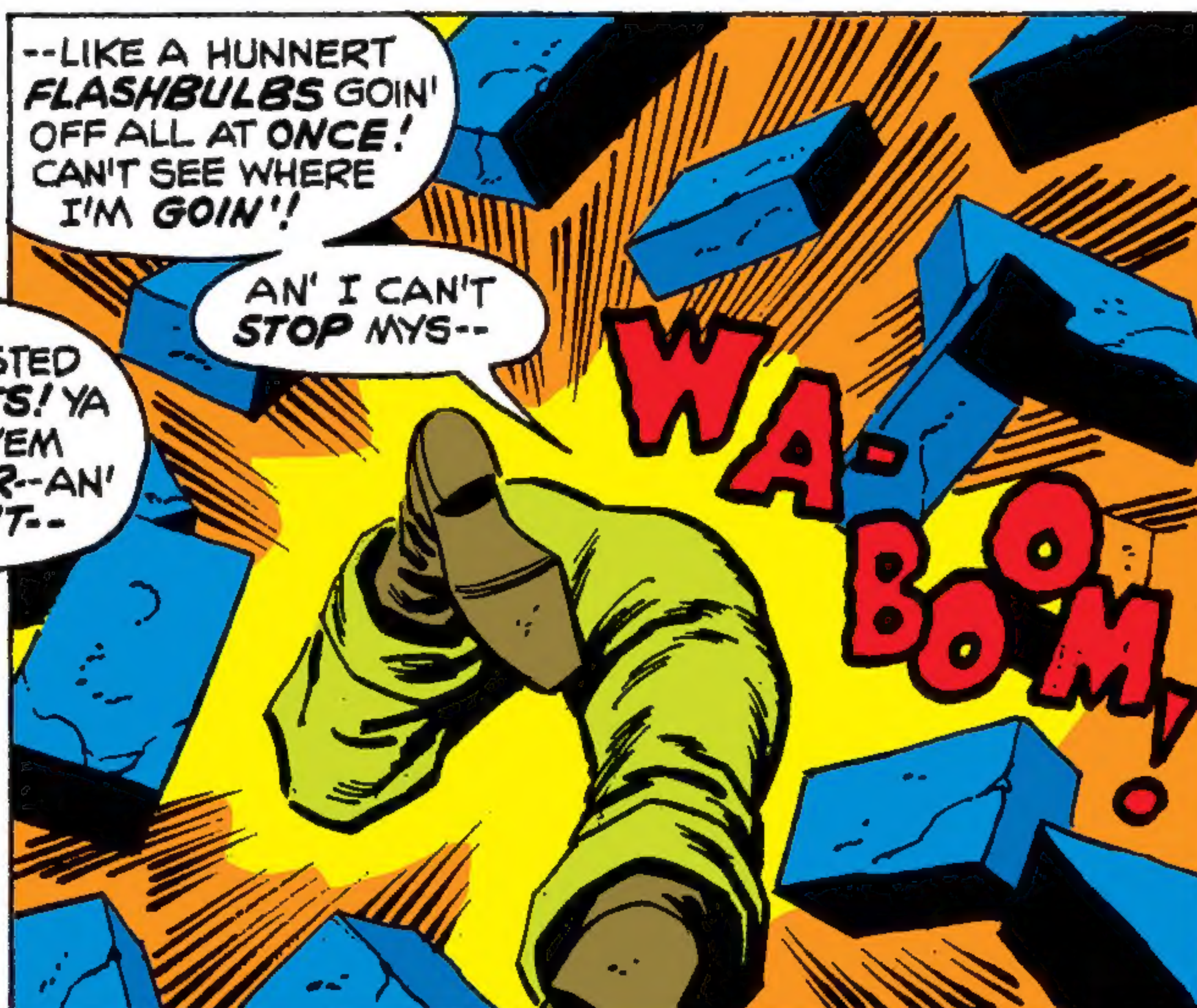


SEE, I DON'T TAKE
TALK LIKE YOURS
FROM NO--HEY!

MY
EYES!

KTANG

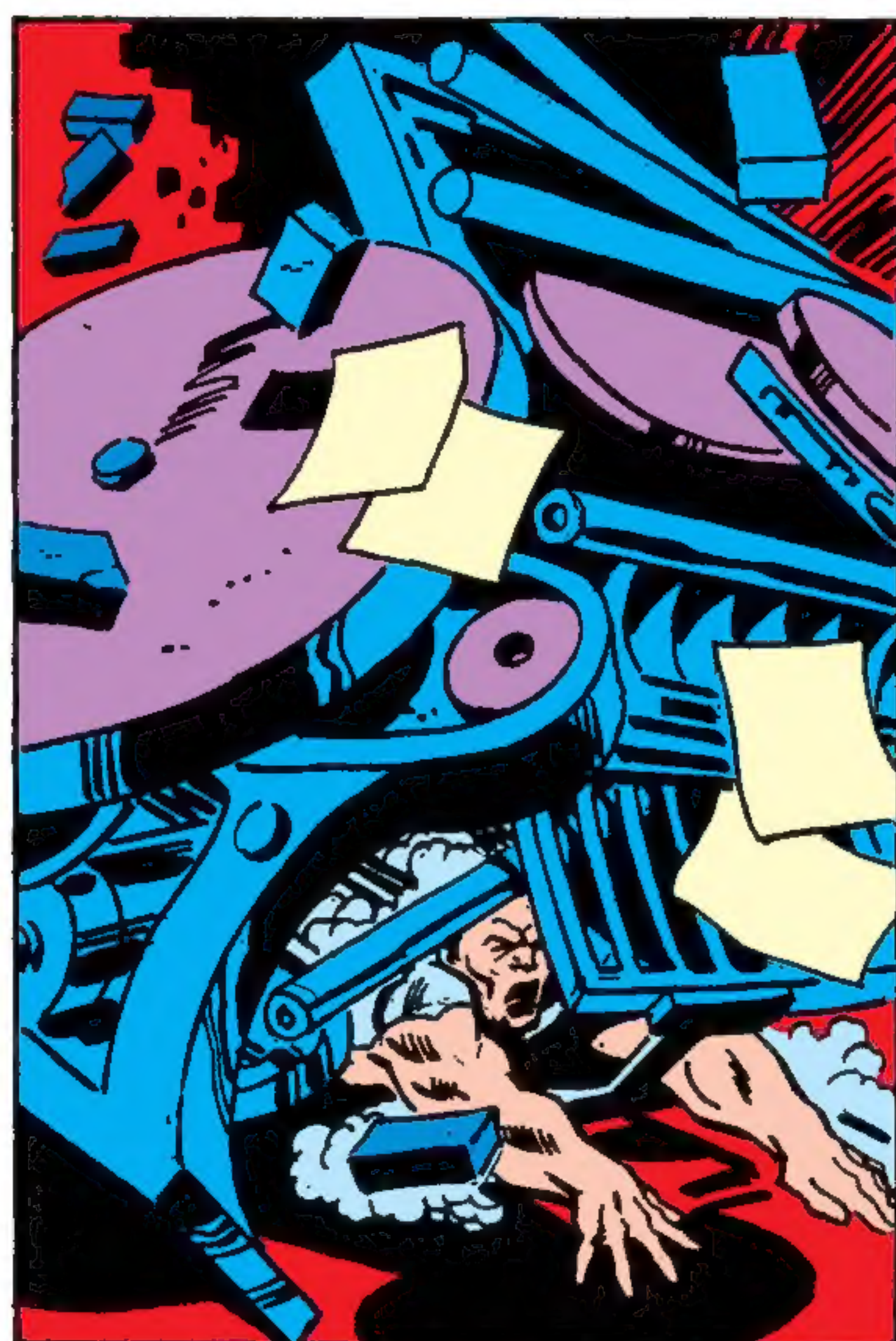
THEM BLASTED
BRACELETS! YA
SLAPPED 'EM
TOGETHER--AN'
THE LIGHT--



--LIKE A HUNNERT
FLASHBULBS GOIN'
OFF ALL AT ONCE!
CAN'T SEE WHERE
I'M GOIN'!

AN' I CAN'T
STOP MYS--

WA-
BOOM!



WOW!
HE'S OUT
COLD!

Y'KNOW, MAR-
VELL, FOR A GUY
WHO'S MORE OR
LESS COMMITTED
TO NON-
VIOLENCE--

-- YOU
CAUSE MORE
MAYHEM
THAN ANY-
BODY I
KNOW.

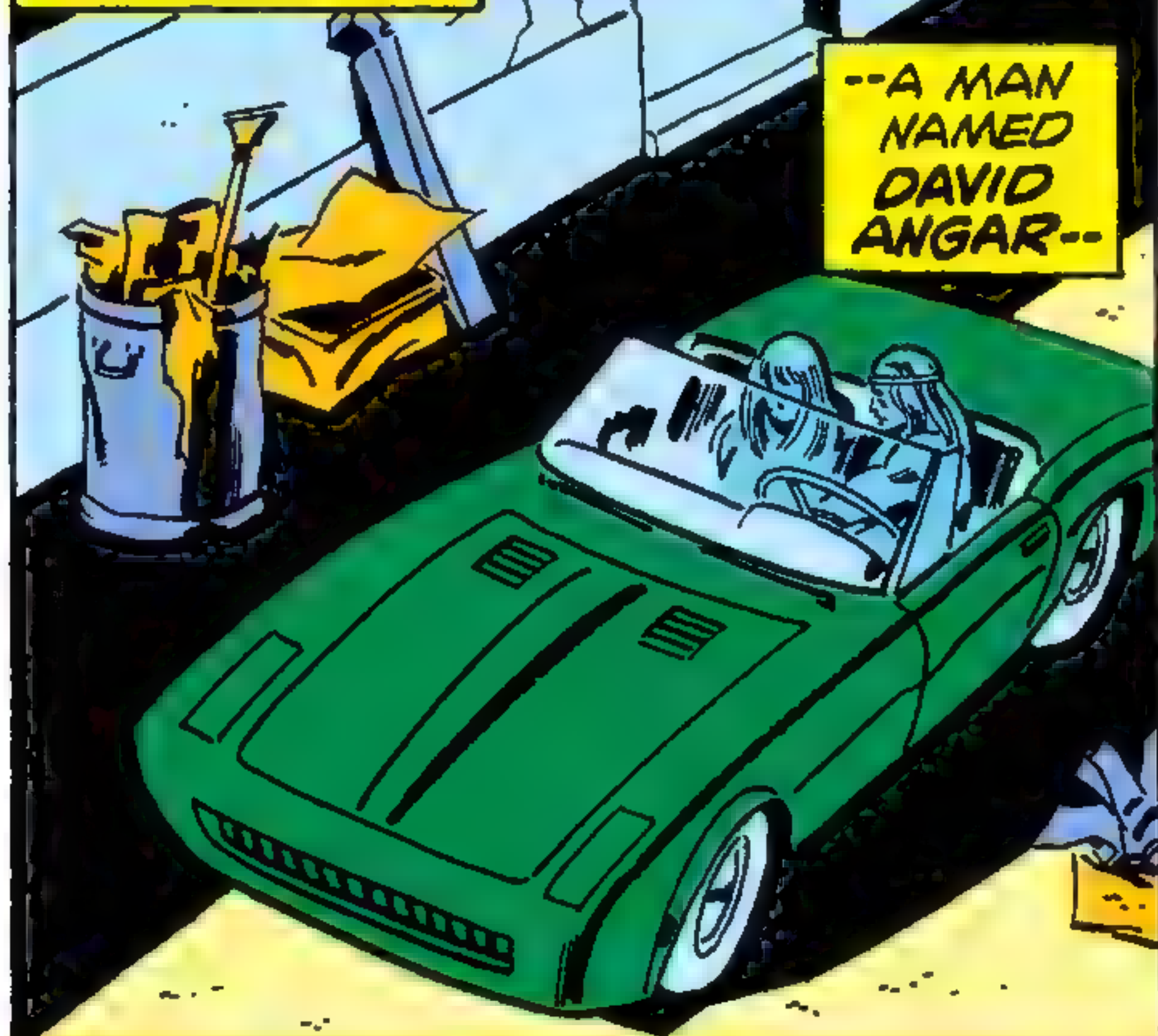


I DON'T GET
IT-- WHERE'D
CAPTAIN
MARVEL
GO?

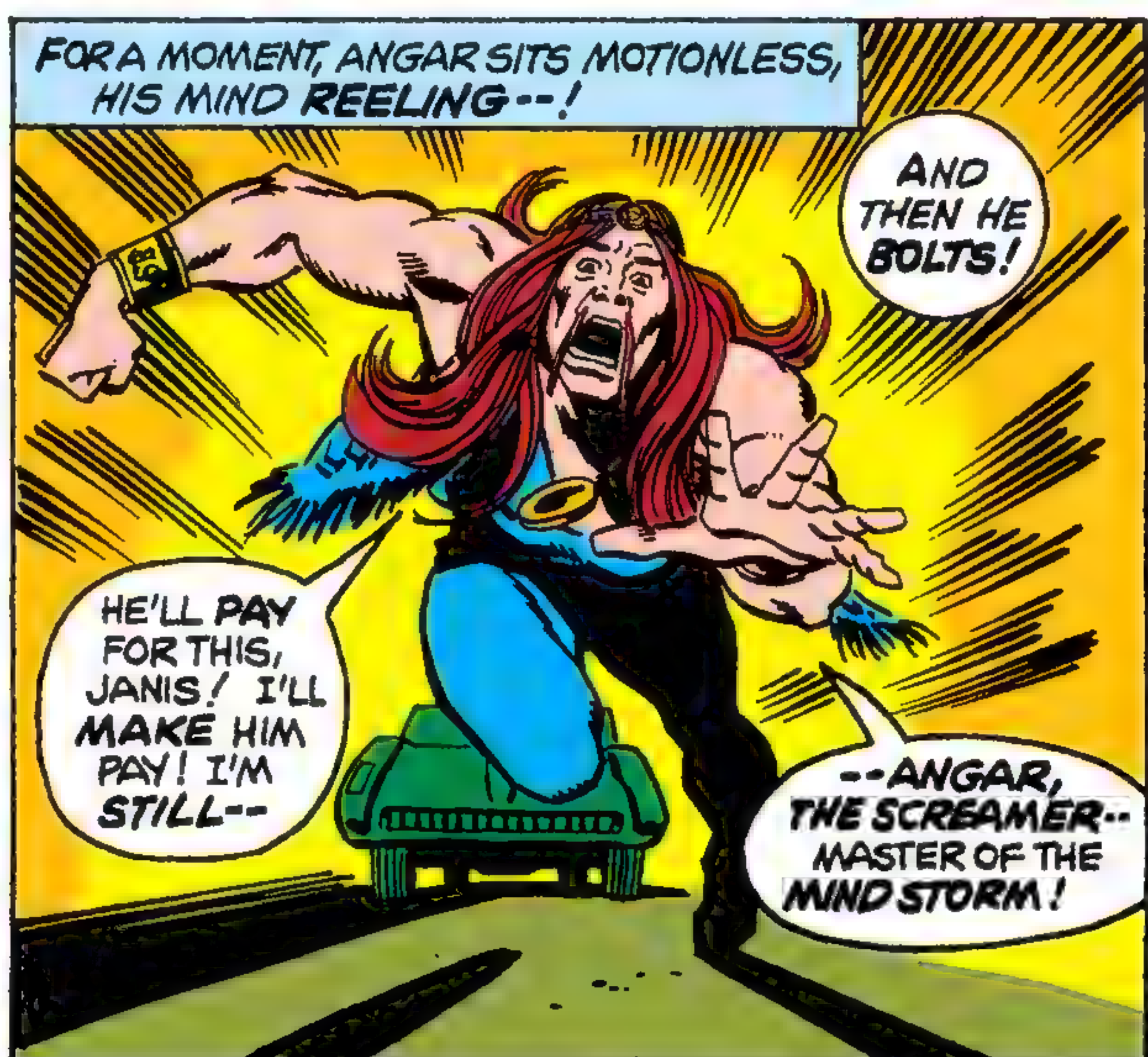
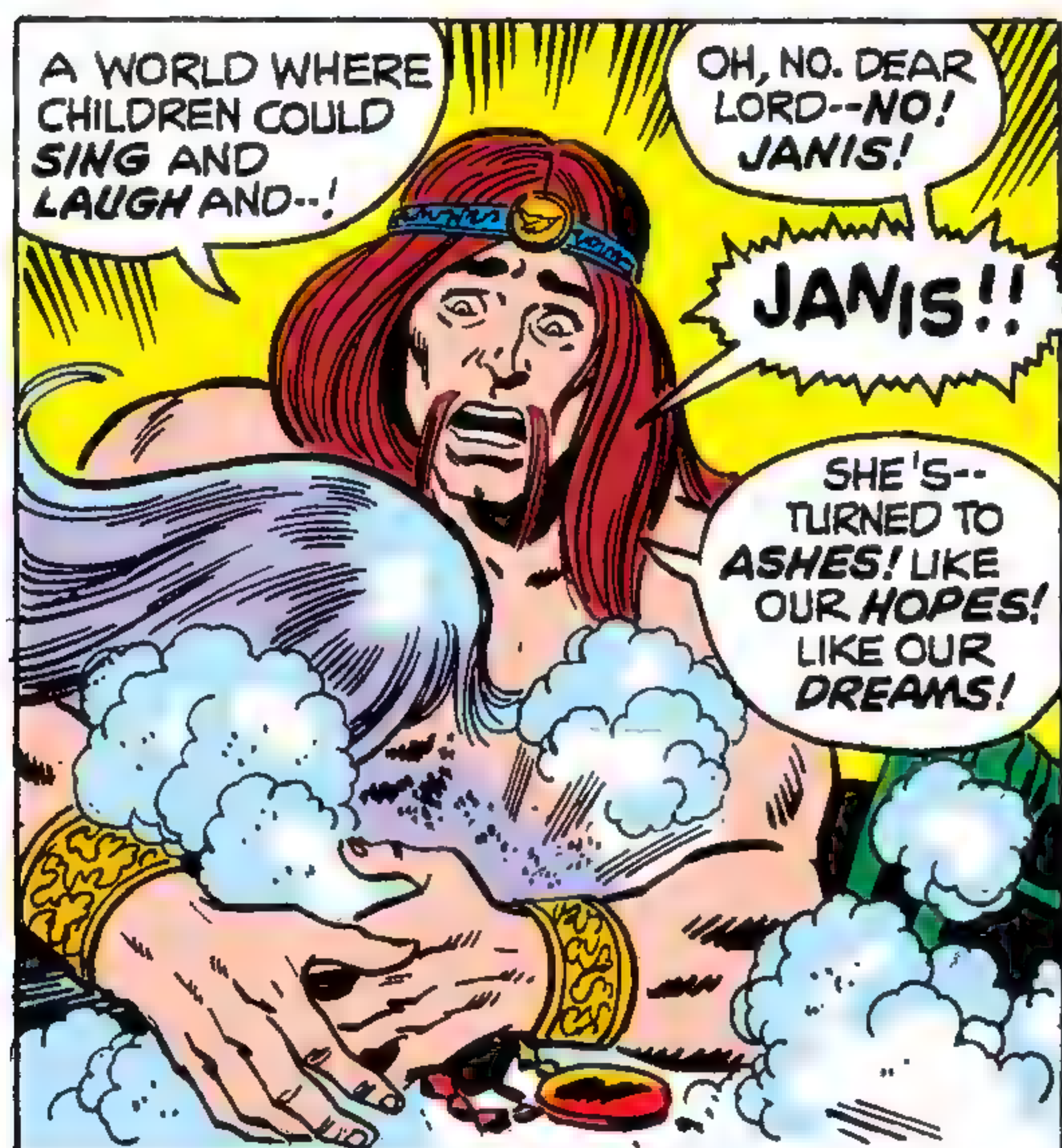
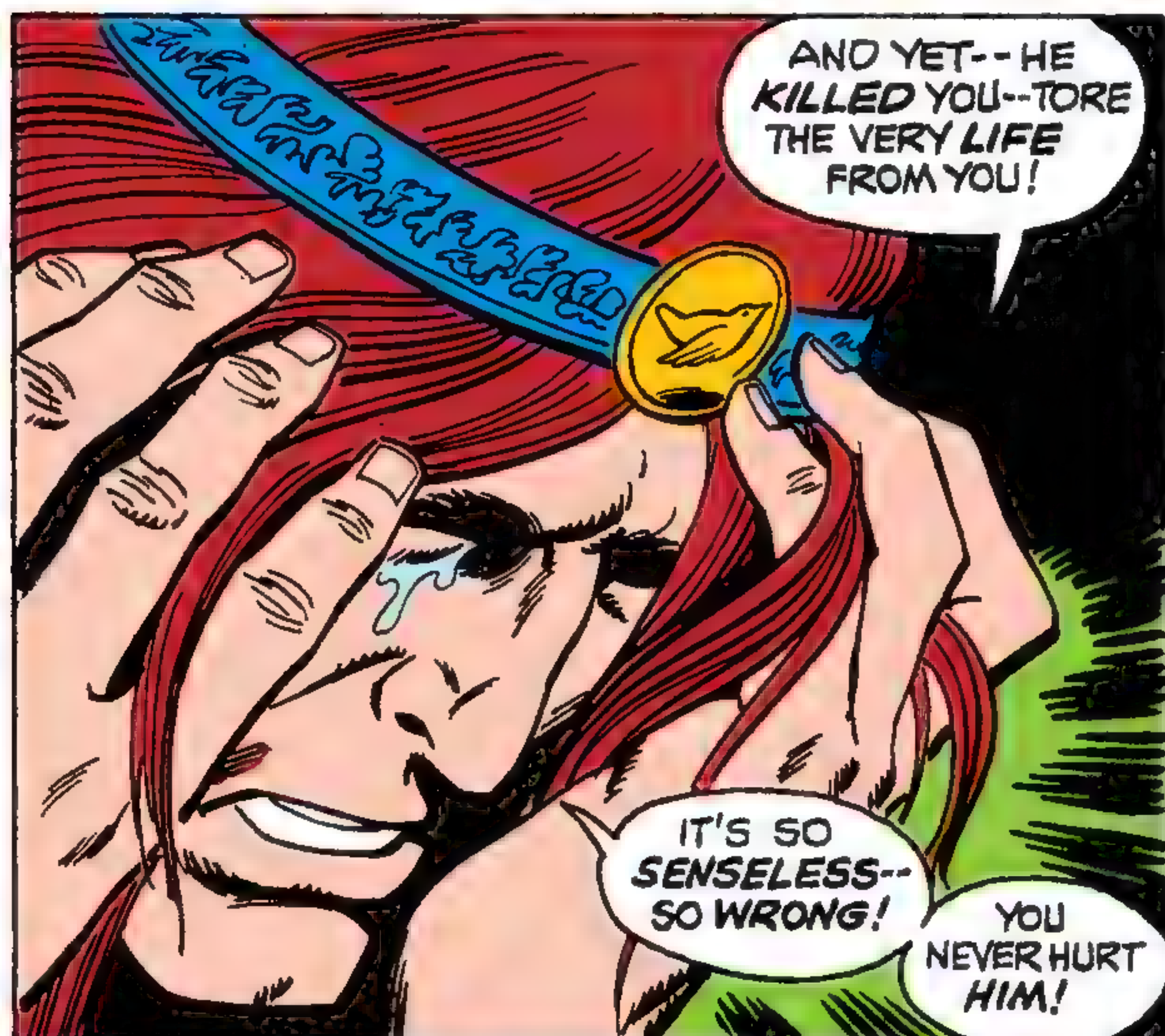
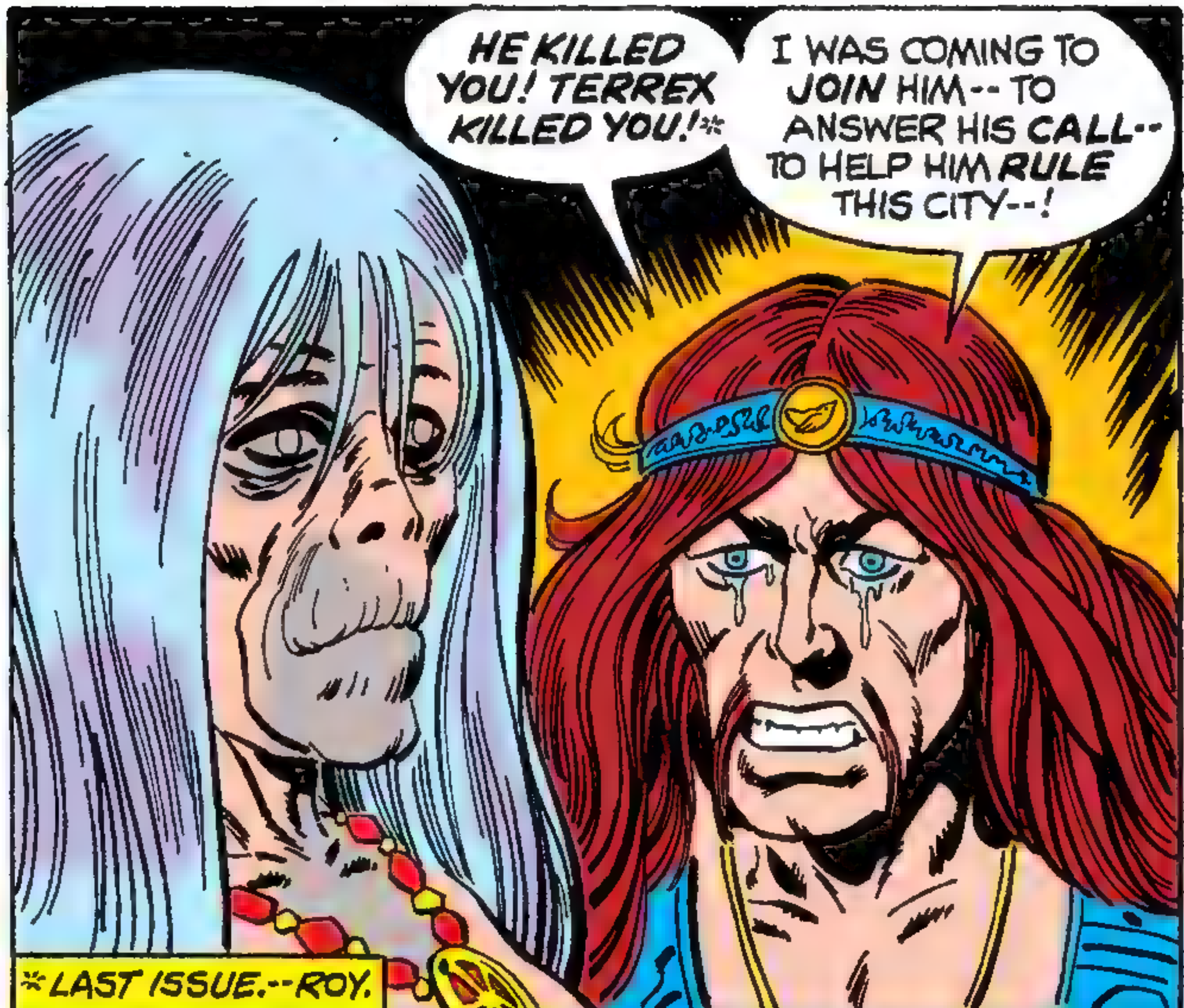
HE'S OFF IN THE
NEGATIVE
ZONE, MR. INNO-
CENT BYSTANDER--
OR I WOULDN'T
BE HERE!

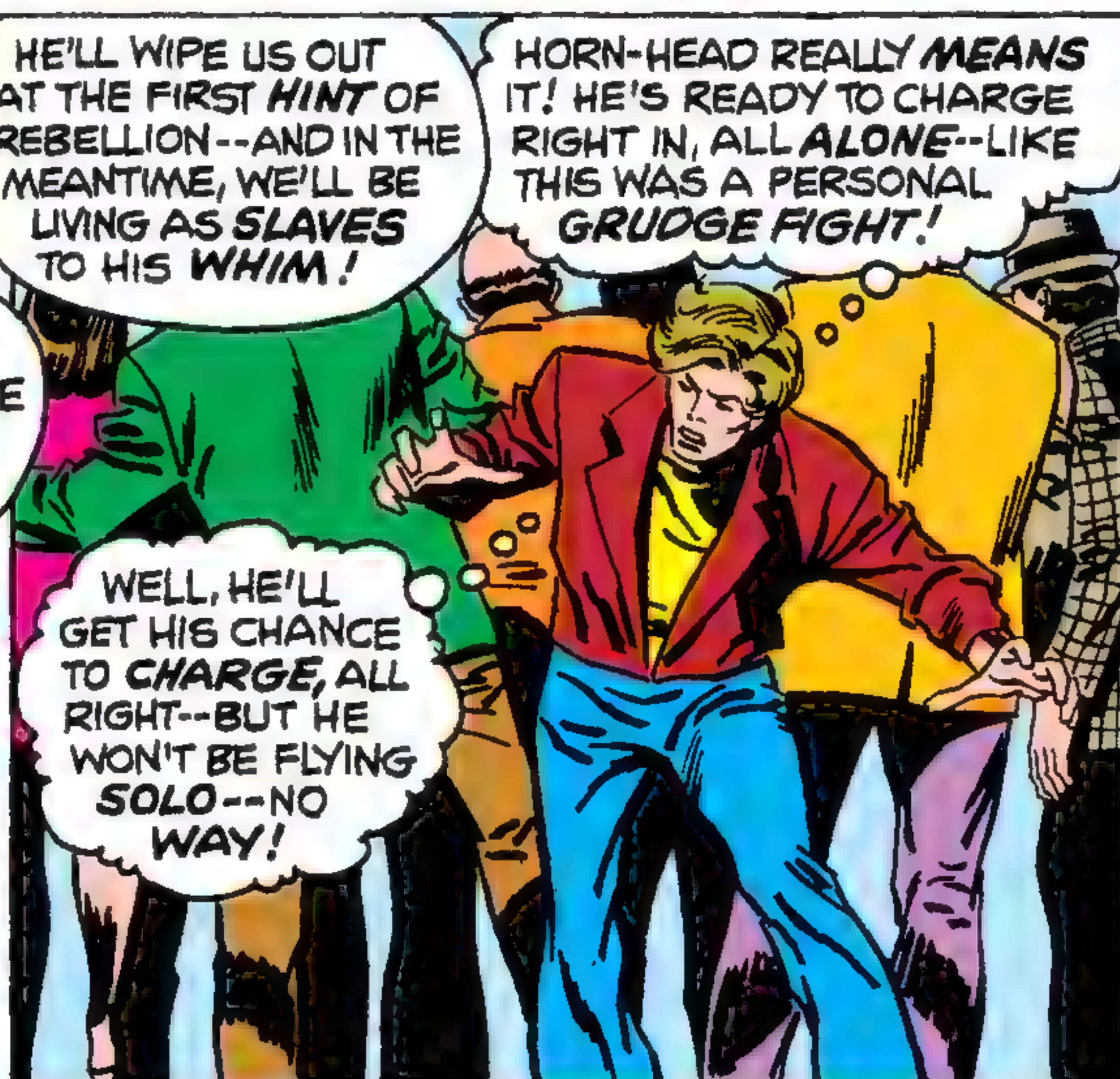
THAT'S ME--
RICK JONES,
SUPERHERO SURRO-
GATE!

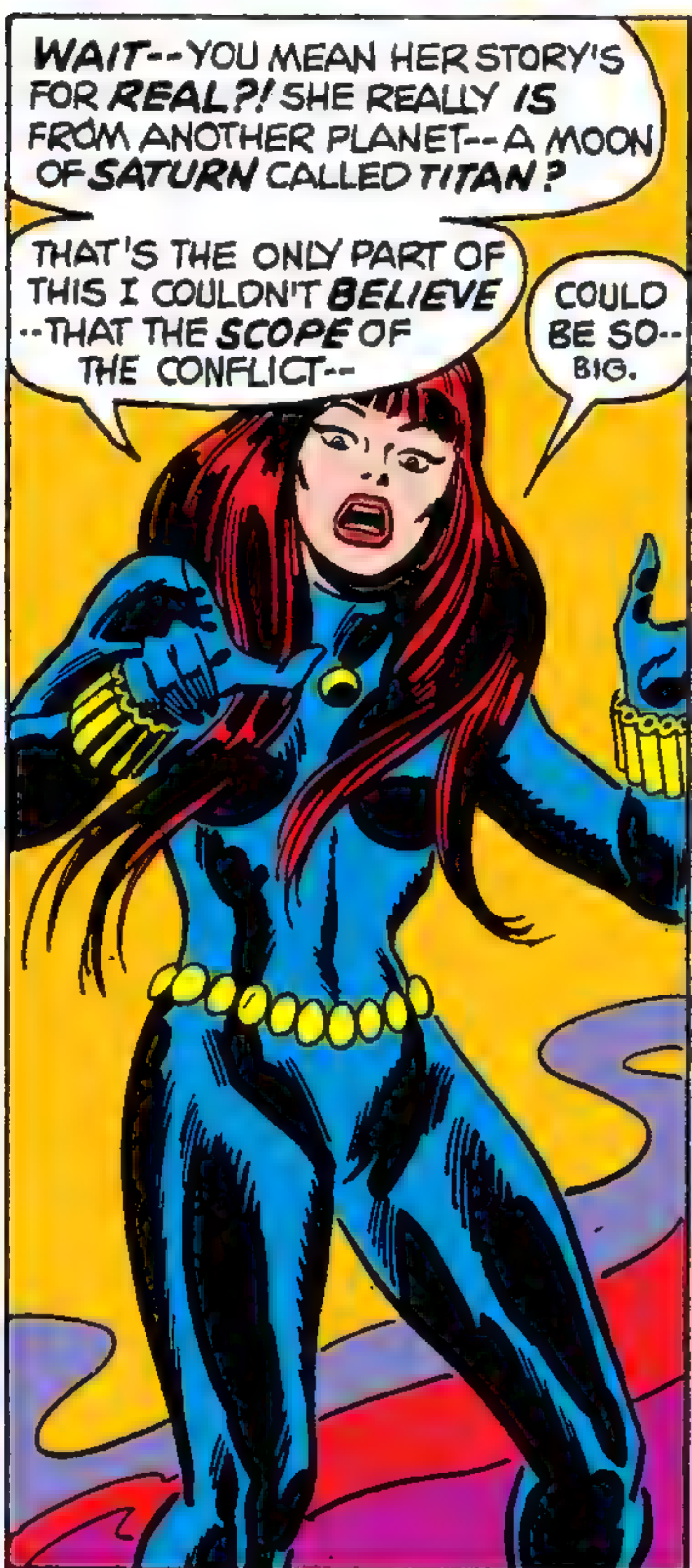
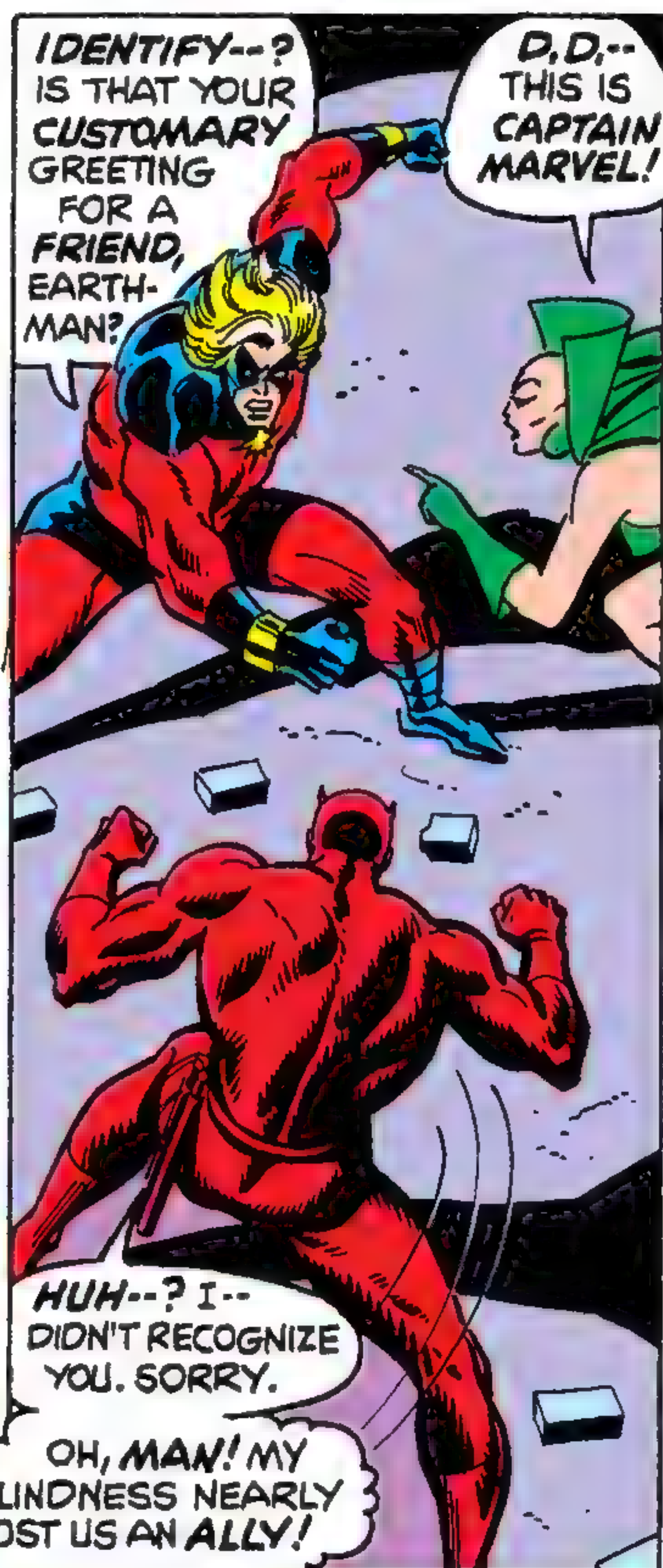
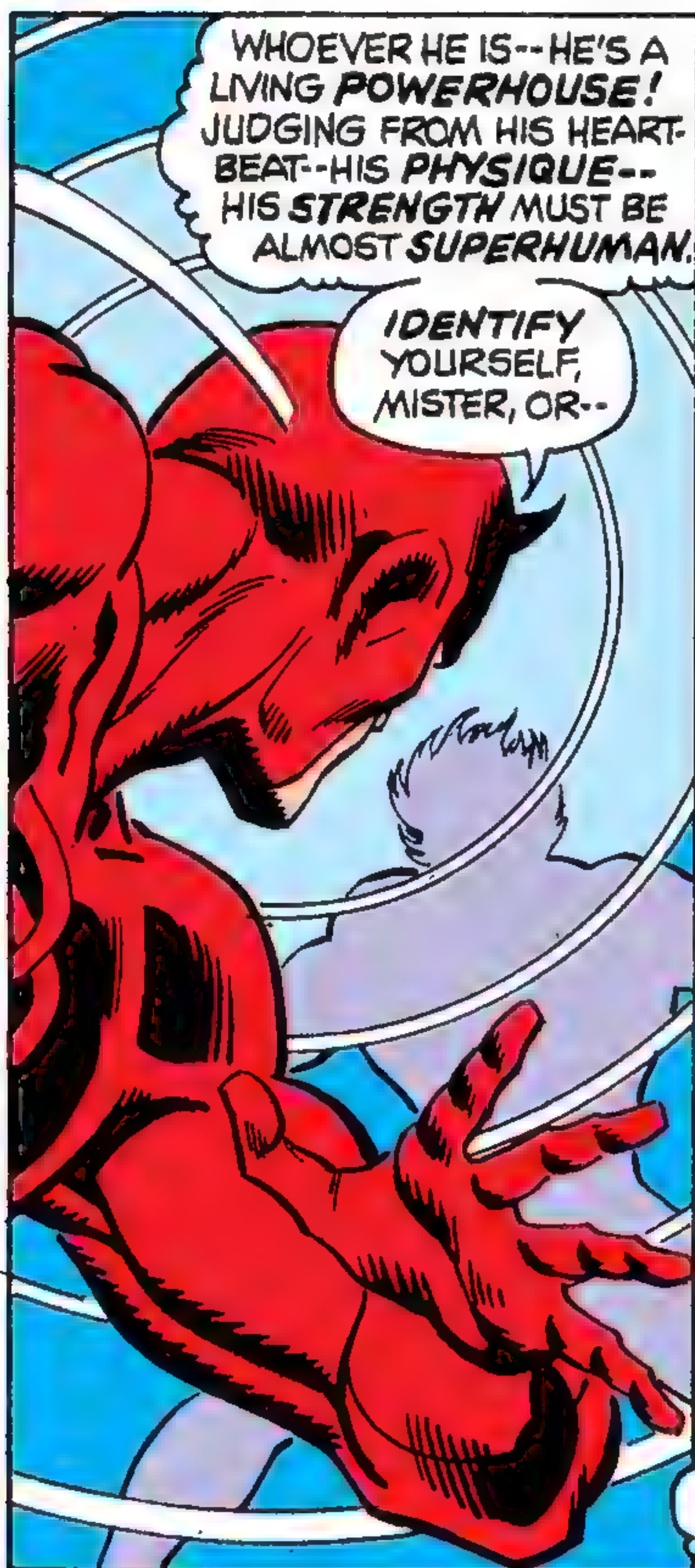
SINCE WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT D.D. WILL FIND, LET'S FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT SCENE --A DESERTED ALLEYWAY, ELSEWHERE IN SAN FRANCISCO--

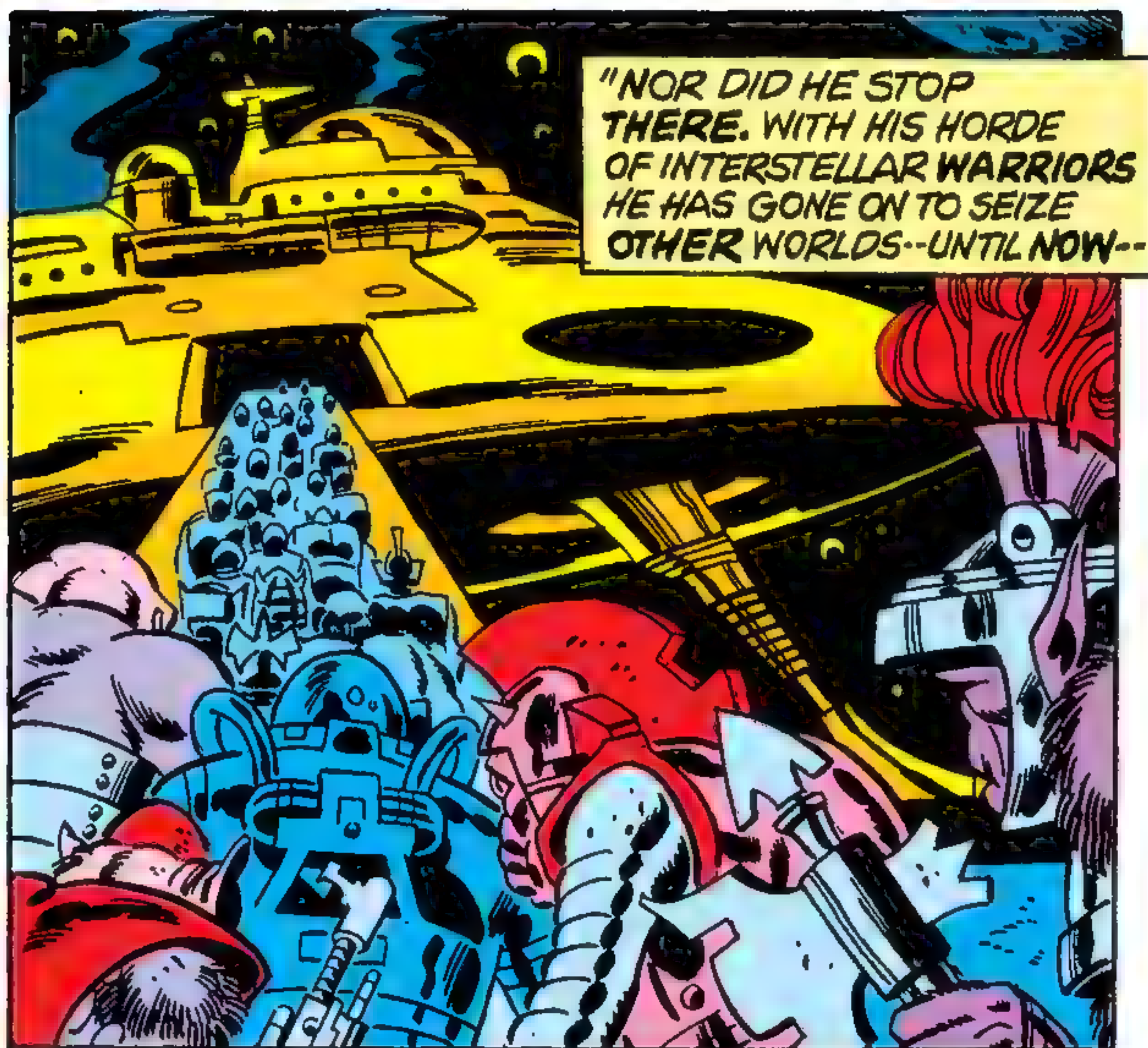


--AND THE SHRIVELLED CORPSE OF HIS WOMAN!









"NOR DID HE STOP THERE. WITH HIS HORDE OF INTERSTELLAR WARRIORS HE HAS GONE ON TO SEIZE OTHER WORLDS--UNTIL NOW--



"--HE IS HERE ON EARTH, SEEKING TO SUBJUGATE ITS PEOPLE--AND SEARCHING FOR THE COSMIC CUBE!

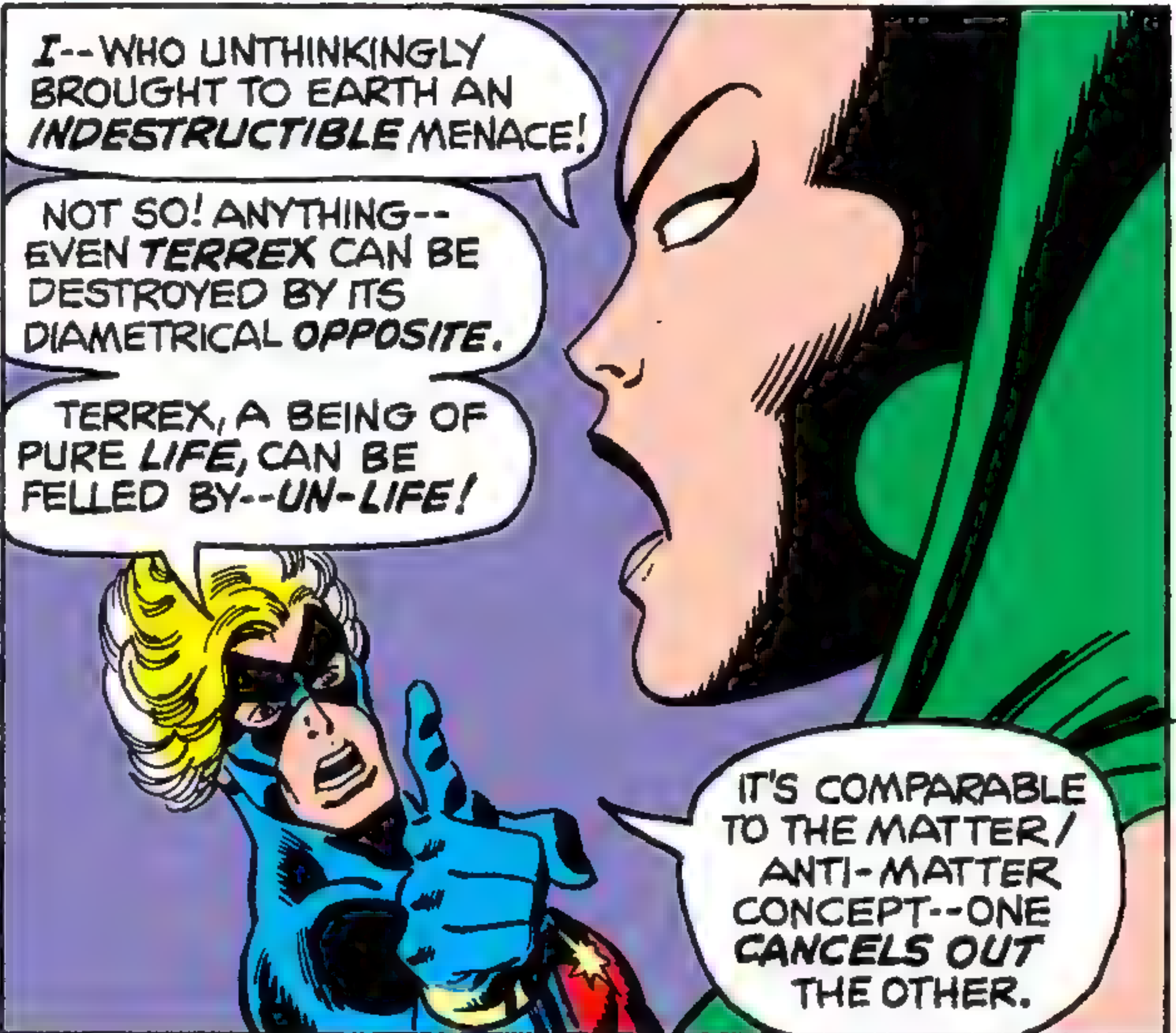
"AS FOR TERREX--HE, OR RATHER IT, WAS THE CREATION OF A TITAN SCIENTIST--TO BE USED AS A DOOMSDAY WEAPON.



"WERE THANOS TO WIN, TERREX WOULD HAVE BEEN LOOSED-- TO DESTROY ALL LIFE ON TITAN--

"--TO ROB THE VICTOR OF HIS SPOILS. BUT THANOS STRUCK TOO FAST-- TOO SOON--!

"THE SCIENTIST DIED BEFORE HE COULD UN-LEASH HIS MONSTER. AND ONLY ONE OTHER ON ALL TITAN UNDERSTOOD THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE LIFE-CREATURE."



I--WHO UNTHINKINGLY BROUGHT TO EARTH AN INDESTRUCTIBLE MENACE!

NOT SO! ANYTHING-- EVEN TERREX CAN BE DESTROYED BY ITS DIAMETRICAL OPPOSITE.

TERREX, A BEING OF PURE LIFE, CAN BE FELLED BY--UN-LIFE!

IT'S COMPARABLE TO THE MATTER / ANTI-MATTER CONCEPT--ONE CANCELS OUT THE OTHER.



YOU'VE--LOST ME COMPLETELY! ISN'T DEATH THE OPPOSITE OF LIFE?

AGAIN, WIDOW--NO. DEATH IS MERELY THE ABSENCE OF LIFE--JUST AS A VACUOUS VOID IS THE ABSENCE OF MATTER--NOT ITS TRUE OPPOSITE!

YES--YES, I CAN SEE THAT. BUT WHAT IS UN-LIFE?



TO ONE WHO HASN'T SEEN THE UNIVERSE BEYOND THIS SPHERE-- IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE--

--AND, FOR NOW, UNOBTAINABLE. YET, THERE IS STILL HOPE--IF WE CONCENTRATE ON TERREX'S ONLY OTHER WEAKNESS!

THE HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS OF KERWIN BRODERICK!

THAT IS THE KEY-- DEFEAT BRODERICK, AND WE DEFEAT TERREX!

AND SO--D.D., THE WIDOW, MOON DRAGON AND CAPTAIN MARVEL CONCEIVE A DARING PLAN--

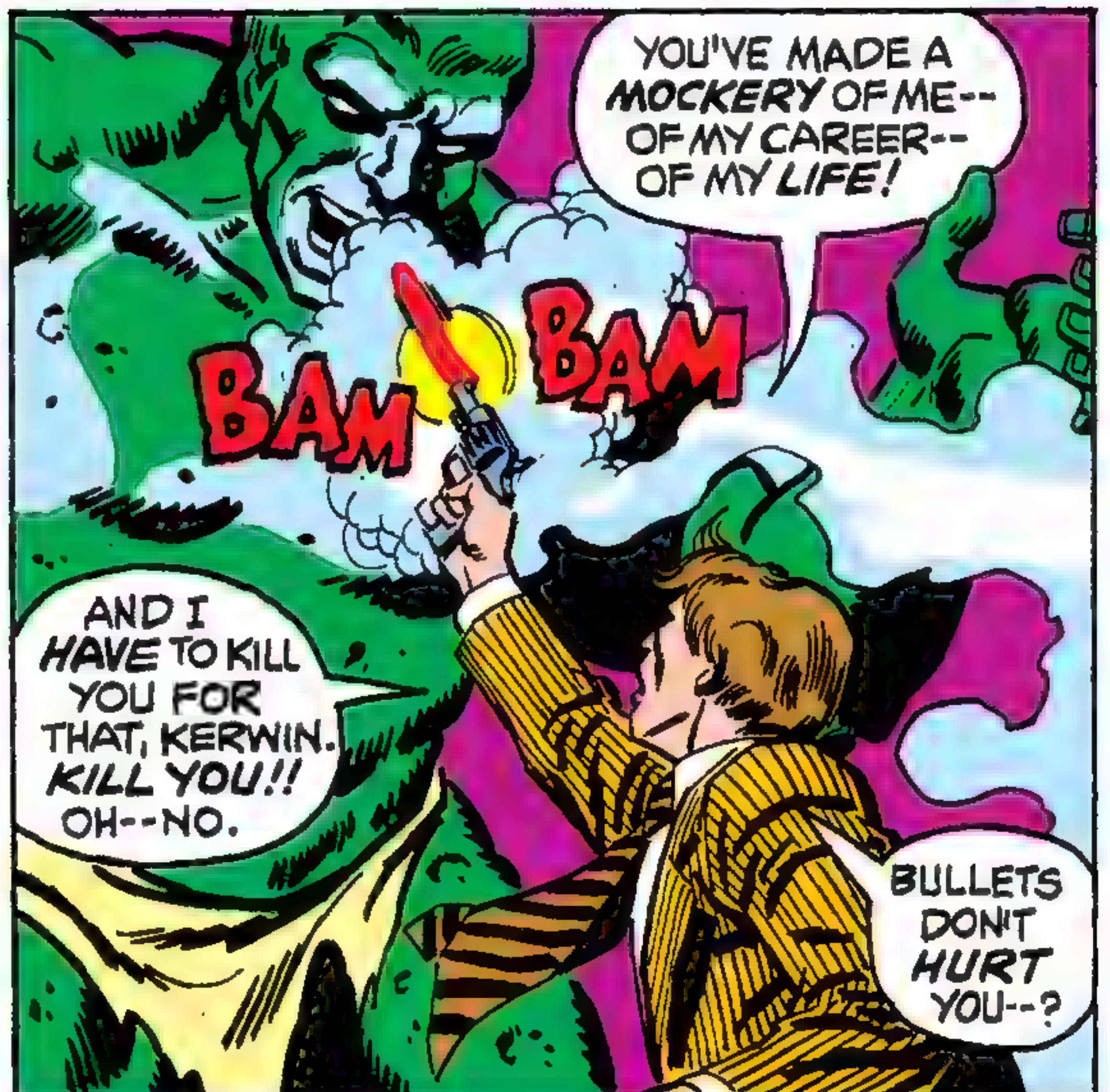
--A PLAN DESTINED TO BE IMMEASURABLY ENHANCED BY THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE IN GOLDEN GATE PARK OF--

SLOAN!
JASON SLOAN!
GOOD TO SEE YOU,
MY BOY! WHAT
BRINGS YOU?

I'VE COME..
TO STOP YOU,
KERWIN! I'VE
GOT TO
STOP YOU!

YOU SEE,
I BELIEVED IN
YOU--FOUGHT
FOR YOU. AND
NOW--!

POLICE LINE



YOU'VE MADE A
MOCKERY OF ME--
OF MY CAREER--
OF MY LIFE!

AND I
HAVE TO KILL
YOU FOR
THAT, KERWIN.
KILL YOU!!
OH--NO.

BULLETS
DON'T
HURT
YOU--?



YOU PITIFUL DUNCE!
I'M NO LONGER THE
MAN YOU KNEW! I'M
IMMORTAL! I'M A
KING! I OWN
YOU!

THEN--I
BEG YOU--DON'T
LET ME LIVE!
TAKE MY LIFE--
NOW!

I HELPED
CREATE YOU--
I DESERVE
TO DIE AT YOUR
HAND!

JASON, JASON, JASON-- YOU
ALWAYS DID AMUSE ME!

BUT NEVER
MORE THAN
NOW! DON'T
STOP, BOY!
GO ON!



PRETEND I'M
A JURY! ENTER
YOUR PLEA OF--

wha...?

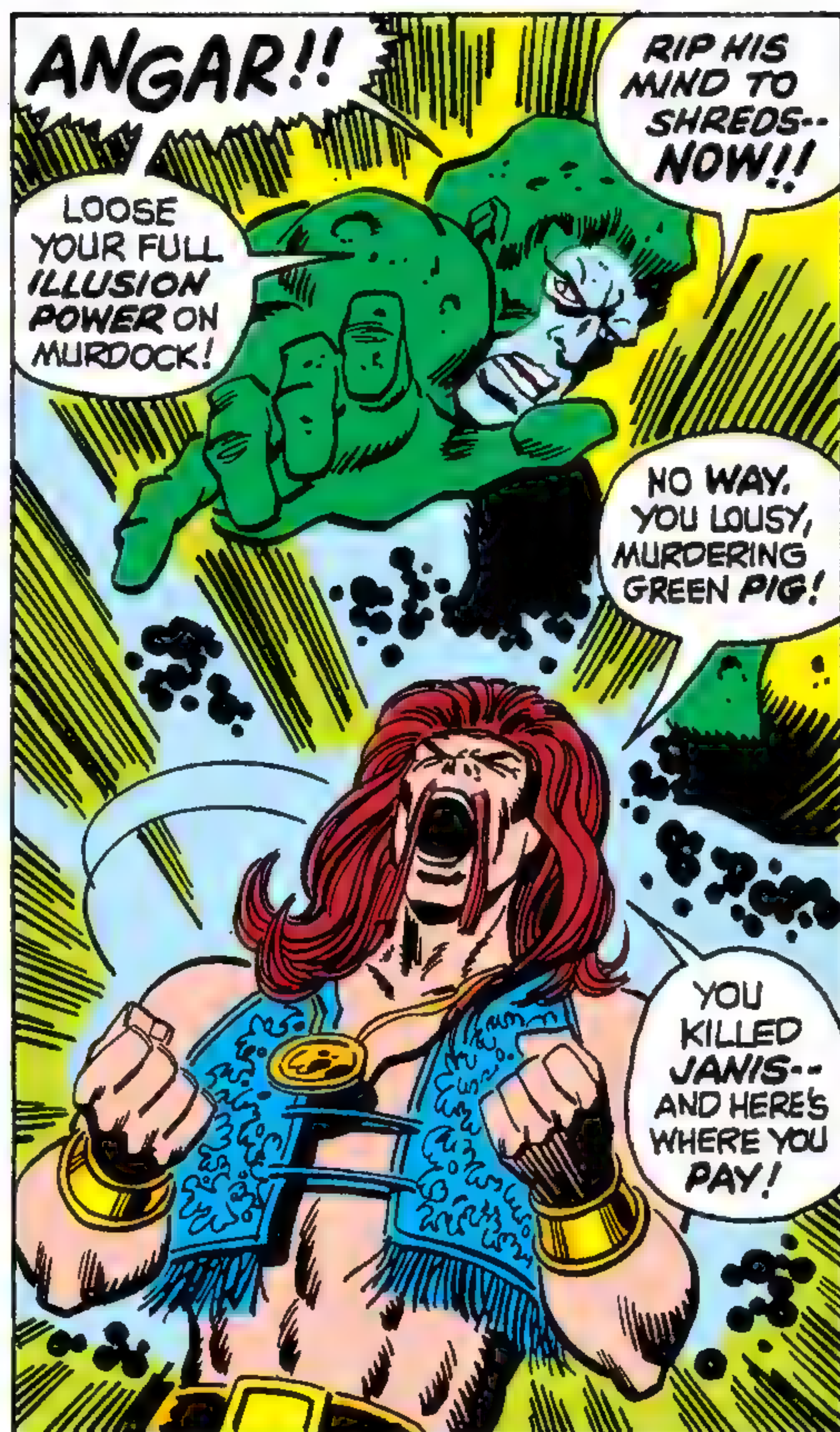
THAT'S
ENOUGH,
JASON.
STAND
UP!

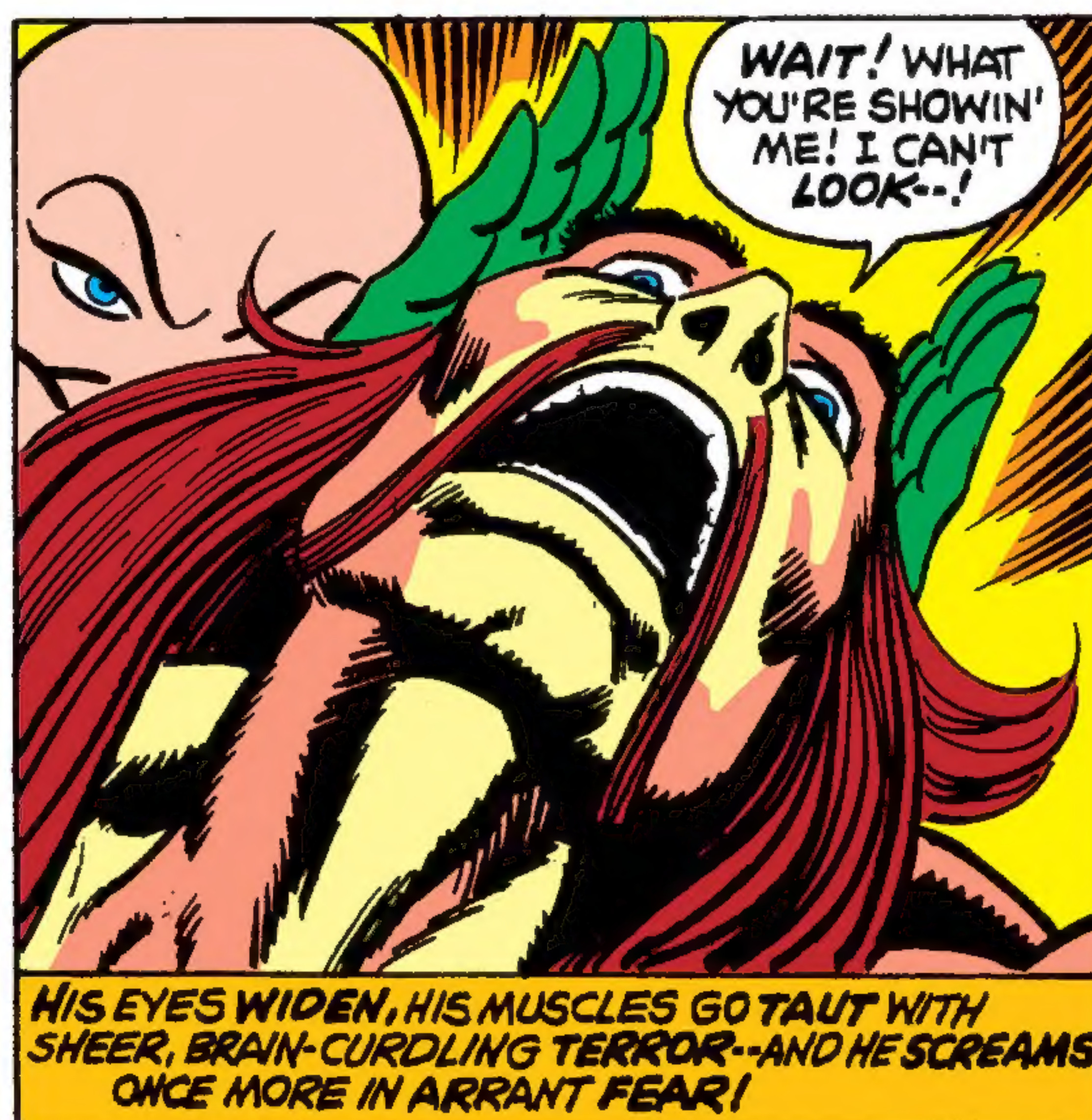
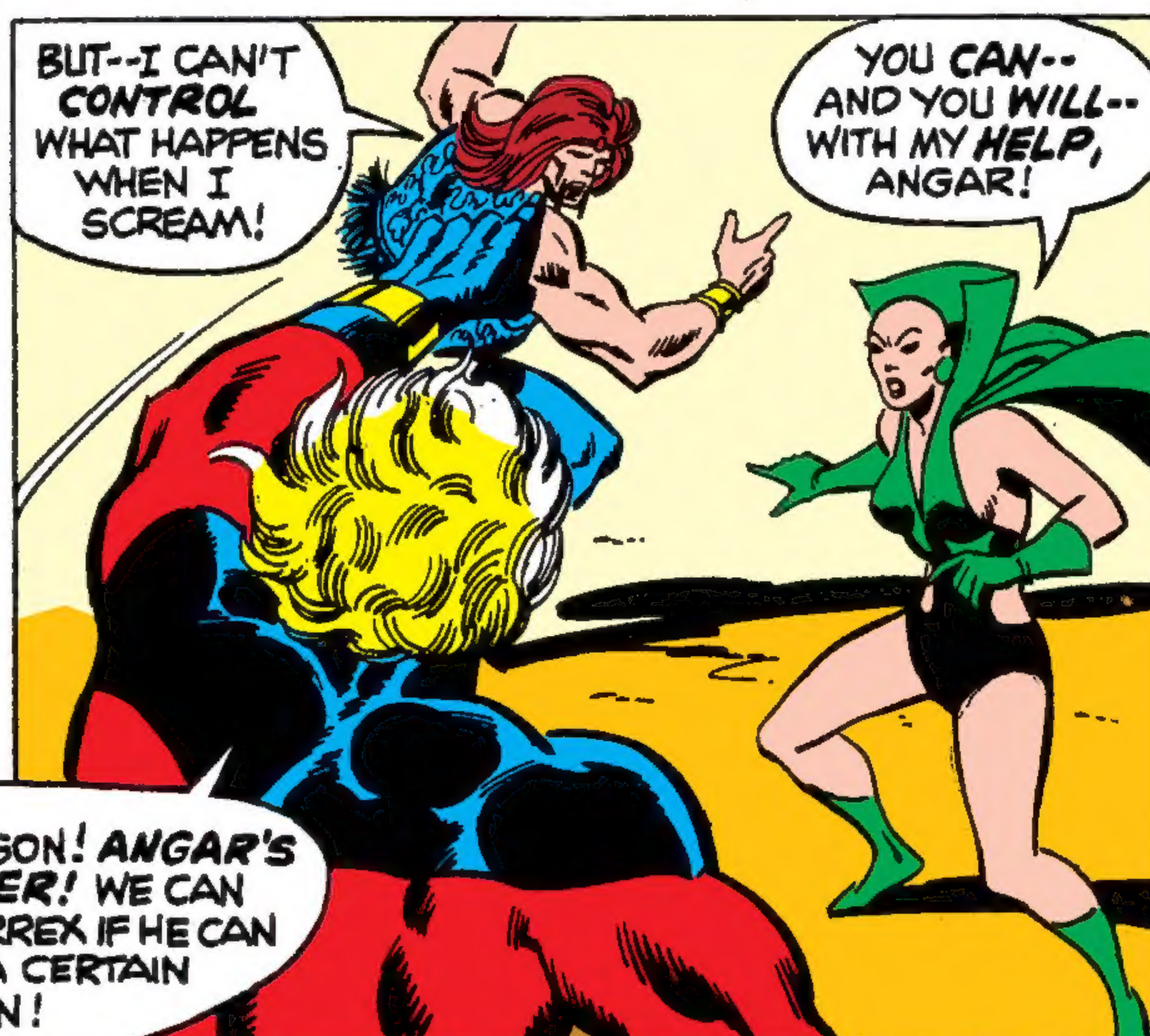
YOU HEARD
ME, PARTNER--
OFF YOUR
KNEES--UP
ON YOUR
FEET!

AND
I MEAN
NOW!



M-MATT--?
IS THAT--
YOU?





AND HE CONTINUES HIS MIND-PIERCING WAIL AS
A VEIL OF DARKNESS FALLS OVER THE EARTH
--A BLACK RAIN THAT OBLITERATES EVERY-
THING FROM VIEW--

--UNTIL ALL
EXISTENCE
SEEMS TO FALL
BEHIND A VAST
CURTAIN OF
EBONY OPACITY--

--UNTIL THE
WORLD IS
BLOTTED
OUT--

--AND EVEN THEN, SEEING WHAT HE SEES,
ANGAR GOES ON SCREAMING--!

THROUGH THE DEMON
DARKNESS TERREX
COMES CLAWING--!

THE LIGHT!
WHO STOLE
AWAY THE
LIGHT?

I-- CAN'T
SEE! THERE'S
NOTHING LEFT
TO SEE!

I'VE GOT
TO GET OUT OF
HERE! FIND A WAY
OUT OF HERE! OUT
OF HERE!

GROPING--STUMBLING--A VERDANT LUMINESCENCE STAGGER-
ING TOWARD THE EDGE OF MADNESS, THE GRAY DOMAIN OF
NON-BEING--THE RIM OF THE PSYCHE!

AND WHEN THE GRAY IS
ALL THERE IS, HE PAUSES
--HE SEES--!

THE EGG--
UNIVERSAL
SYMBOL OF
LIFE!

AT LAST! SOMETHING TO
LASH OUT AT--PANIC!--
FIST SMASHES FRAGILE
OVAL--BRITTLE SHELL
CRACKS--

AND FROM
IT POURS--

ANOTHER BLACKNESS--
ANOTHER VOID--MORE
INKY NOTHINGNESS! THE
EGG WHOSE UNFERTILE
YOLK SPAWNS OBLIVION--

--THAT IS THE HORROR CALLED--UN-LIFE!

THERE FOLLOWS: A GASP--LONG, PAINFUL. A CRY--SHORT, HIGH-PITCHED. A MOAN--ALMOST INAUDIBLE. AND THEN--

IT'S OVER. WHATEVER HE SAW MUST'VE BROKEN HIS MELD WITH TERREX--**DESTROYING** THE MONSTER.

AND KERWIN J. BRODERICK IS--**DEAD**.

LONG LIVE --THE KING.

AND ANGAR IS THE SCREAMER NO MORE. THIS TASK TOOK ALL HIS POWER. HIS NORMAL STATURE HAS RETURNED.

THAT LEAVES JUST ONE QUESTION--WHAT DID TERREX SEE THAT ACCOMPLISHED THIS?

IT MUST HAVE BEEN SO AWESOME, SO COMPLETELY TERRIFYING! WHAT--?

I DARE NOT TELL YOU, MY FRIEND--FOR FEAR YOU MIGHT LAUGH. LET US SAY ONLY--

--IT WAS A SIMPLE THING--LIKE MOST FINAL TRUTHS.

AND WITH THAT, I MUST LEAVE YOU. I HAVE OTHER PRESSING AFFAIRS.

FAREWELL, THEN. PERHAPS--WE WILL MEET AGAIN!

THERE HE GOES, MATT--A MAN WHO'S BEEN TO THE ENDS OF THE **UNIVERSE**! ISN'T HE REMARKABLE?

NO, BLACK WIDOW--THE GALAXY BOASTS MANY MEN WHO HAVE SEEN THE STARS--

--BUT ONLY ONE HAVE I MET WHOSE EYES CAN NOT SEE--YET WHO STILL DARES ALL FOR HIS CAUSE!

YOUR DAREDEVIL IS MORE ASTOUNDING BY FAR THAN I.

NEXT: NEW YORK! FOGGY NELSON! THE RETURN OF AN OLD FOE--AND THE MYSTERY OF--- **BLACK SPECTRE!!**

